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MERRILLVUE 1988

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AN ACTIVE LIFE — There was always something going on and being a part of it brought about all the fun. Never a dull moment from Spirit Week to the formal affair of Prom, we have all taken part in one way or another.

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GOING ALL OUT — Definite dedication, practice and hard work brought success to those teams who strived for it. Despite the cheated laps and comments about our differences under our breath, winning as a team brought us together more than just athletically.

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PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER — We've put forth all we had (some just a little more than others) to struggle through six class hours each day, wondering where we'd end up. Through homework assignment to final exams, we gave it out best shot.

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PART OF THE CROWD — Considered a selected group, each class had its own way of expressing themselves. On the bottom rung of the ladder, the sophomores clenched their blue folders and smiled nervously as an upperclassman made his way down the hall, while seniors couldn't wait to graduate.

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CAUGHT IN THE SHUFFLE — Finding time to participate talentwise from the Revue and concerts to the Valentine's Day Dance. Working together within clubs brought these groups, ideas and talents together.

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MONEY IN THE POCKET — Although all the readers don't seem to realize it, the ads are the heart of the yearbook. Businesses add their personal touch by buying ads to promote their businesses as well as to help the staff meet its budget.

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Between classes, Scott Hundley and Phil Boldyn, seniors, shoot the breeze. Students often express themselves through signs and other paraphernalia in their lockers.

It's that **SIMPLE**

C'mon, let's be realistic about this, MHS has a lot to offer.

Sure people talk, but you'll have that with 1,333 students.

Just this morning, as I was getting off of the yellow limo, I heard a conversation that the purple parking space was for the principal.

Whatever.

I just continued to push my way through the crowd until I finally reached my locker, which was inevitably jammed.

As I casually tried to open it, I heard a weekend warrior mentioning thoughts on Saturday detention.

Words become ACTION

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Needless to say, I'm not afraid to "say what I want."

At MHS, students are actively involved in clubs and committees, where input from the students is the basis of its happenings.

Academics and school seem to go hand in hand. However, having a say so in choosing one's classes can add both a challenge and interest for an equal contrast.

So, you ask about sports?

Football?

Well, say what you will, but our guys played their hearts out while dedicated fans sat through a couple of monsoons like ducks on a pond.

Undoubtedly, school spirit was evident in sports activities despite the views that others had to offer.

Talking with her elephant friend, Rae Ann Renner, senior, welcomes her to the Child Development Halloween party. Many students take child development to learn about children.

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Before the game Heather Peters, junior, rests up for her job of playing Bucky. The school mascot helps boost school spirit and participation.

Putting his skills to use, Russell Louie, senior, tries his hand at welding. Many students learn new trades in shop classes.

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Someone always **LISTENS**

Come to think of it, MHS allows students to speak their mind and contribute to the success of both school and students.

Yeah, admit it — you don't always get everything you ask for, but here, at least, what you say is considered.

When it comes right down to it, MHS offers more than just the familiar "all talk, no show" attitude. Here, everyone is important, and saying what you want is normal conversation.

by Colleen Collins

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Kicking up their heels to the infamous "can-can" are Bob Ellis, Jamie Miller, Mark Demakas, Louie Lopez, Eric Gonzalez, Bill Truitt, John Kark, and Kelly Jedynak, the senior powder puff cheerleaders. The guys took over as cheerleaders for the powder puff game again.

Walking with a nursing home resident is Denise Bartides, senior. Members of the Quest Club went to the nursing home to spend time with the elderly.

It's AN ACTIVE LIFE!

Through it all, From the sudden stampede of fans after the half time downpour to the crowning of the Homecoming queen, Cara Carribine, another Football Homecoming will not be forgotten. The dance was one of the largest attended. Despite the 6-0 defeat by Andrean, fans stood proud behind their school.

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Whether just hanging around with friends or hitting every party in town, students lived for weekends. Trying to do all that can be done before one's curfew was the ultimate goal for the typical student. Involvement, not only in school, especially on weekends, was the high point to student activity.

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Graduation consisted of much input and involvement. Backed by the planning committees, Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, principal, and others tried to piece together a respectable commencement that marked the final strides of seniors. Through it all, graduation as well as other memorable moments will reflect upon the seniors' futures.

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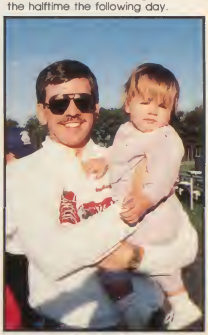
At Homecoming, Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, principal, and his daughter, Dana, enjoy the warm weather. However, rain ruined the game and the halftime the following day.



Teaching a second grade student her "Q" sounds, is Debbie Galka, senior. Galka is part of the FEA program for student teaching organized by Jan O'Shea, FEA sponsor.

At the Homecoming bonfire, Mitch Davidhizar, senior, wards off the heat while toasting marshmallows. The bonfire was only a small part of the Homecoming festivities.

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Rain again

'Good times' continue

Wet?

Are you taking an umbrella.

These are some of the questions that circulated throughout the school.

This was the third consecutive Homecoming that was spoiled by bad weather.

Preceding the Homecoming game was Spirit Week which included Hat, Bandage, Crazy Hair-do, College T-shirt and the traditional Purple and White days.

The Senior Class displayed the most spirit with the Junior Class coming in a close second. Even though the temperatures gradually decreased toward the end of the week, the students' enthusiasm remained at its peak.

Many clubs entered floats under the theme, "Let the Good Times Roll." Boogying to the song "Wipe Out" the Quest Club was awarded the best float.

The lower temperatures did not affect the seniors powder puff performance as they dominated the Junior Class, 18-0.

Vicki D'Asto, senior, stated, "It was sad knowing that this would be our last year playing."

"It was a new experience and I had a lot of fun. I look forward to playing next year," added Marlene Kierzkowski, sophomore.

Leading the seniors to victory in spite of the cold were male cheerleaders who entertained the crowd with their humorous stunts and cheers.

Jamie Miller, senior cheerleader, said, "Wearing the uniform was one of the highpoints of cheering on the senior team."

Before the powder puff game began, Louis Lopez, senior, was named "Mr. Football." Along with the football, Lopez received a "warm" round of applause (continued on page 10)

Members from the Senior Class, ride and show enthusiasm on their float during the Homecoming parade. Unfortunately, the float that took hours to build was ruined by high winds during the trip to Pierce Jr. High.

Just before the whistle blows, the sophomores get ready to stop the juniors in the powder puff game. The juniors romped over the sophomores.

At the Homecoming dance, Jackie Fashing, junior, and MHS graduate, Dave Gemeinhart, dance the night away. The dance brought to an end the Homecoming festivities.

Before the powder puff game, Louis Lopez, senior, accepts the Mr. Football award. This was part of the Homecoming pep rally after the parade.

While watching intensely, the senior powder puff team awaits the referee's decision. The seniors shut out the juniors, 18-0.

Rain Again Andrean contributes to downpour

from those attending the pep rally.

Finally, the big night arrived. The rain, cold and muddy fields did not stop the Pirates against the Andrean '59ers. Fighting their way to half time, the score was tied at 0.

After the Pirates streamed out of the rain and into the locker room, the half time show began.

Along with their escorts, the Homecoming candidates were accompanied by heavy rains and low temperatures. After Cara Carrabine, senior, was crowned Homecoming Queen, the candidates, their escorts and many fans left the game due to a sudden downpour.

Meridith Wojcik, junior, said, "I think it's a tradition to have bad weather on Homecoming."

Scott Reder, an escort, added, "We had terrible weather, and I was cold. I felt the ceremony was rushed because of the rain."

The Pirate team fought and struggled their way unsuccessfully to a defeat. The Andrean 59'ers beat the Pirates, 6-0.

Larry Espravnik, offensive guard, said, "Our offense could not take advantage of the breaks that the defense created for us."

Scott Besedick, defensive linebacker, said, "It was a wet, sloppy night which limited our ability to move the ball consistently."

Ending the Homecoming week, Student Council sponsored one of the largest attended dances.

Milena Jasnic, junior, said, "I felt that the attendance was higher that last year's dance. Even though not many couples stayed long, I had a great time with my date."

by MIKKI DUDAK

Seniors came out on top in the powder puff games. Even though they were defeated, Erika Marinelli, sophomore, and Laura Tripp, junior, still managed to crack a smile at the bonfire.

In the parade Homecoming queen candidates, Ann Mestousis, Debbie Galka, and Mikki Dudak, seniors, await the crowning of the queen. Due to illness, Cara Carrabine, senior, was not able to attend the parade. She was, however, present to be crowned queen at the game.

On to the football field, Mark Hidalgo, junior, breaks the Homecoming sign. Cheerleaders made signs to say that they wanted a victory.

"Although it was upsetting not to participate in the Homecoming festivities during my senior year, I felt that I was a part of it because of the support I received from my friends. Surely, being crowned Homecoming queen at half time during the game was something that'll stay with me longer than the memories of being sick."

— Cara Carrabine

Hallway havoc

Ready, set, go . . . only 6 minutes to class

"Watch where you are going!"

"Can I copy your homework?"

"I am going to be late!"

These shouts can be heard above the hustling crowd.

Slamming lockers and crumpling papers add their own tunes. They are a part of the hallway havoc.

Students do lead a life in between classes.

"In the morning, the sophomore hallway is like a zoo, while the senior hall is much more relaxed because of the student's maturity," stated Ron Eich, senior.

Before that early morning bell, students enjoy various activities.

"I go upstairs to socialize with my friends since I rarely see them during the day," said Carrie Swinford, senior.

The library houses the early study bugs catching up on last minute papers. Students can also be found slumped against lockers as they frantically copy a generous friend's homework.

"I might as well move into Hutch's room," admitted Leslie Osoba, senior. "I am up there almost every morning to get help in Calculus."

Osoba is not alone. Many students benefit from a teacher's early morning instruction.

The cafeteria is another popular stomping ground.

"I eat breakfast in the cafeteria because it is fast, and I am hungry," claimed Mike Lesniak, senior.

Those who enjoy catching a few more Z's give up their role in the AM drama.

"I could not tell you what goes on in the morning because I do not usually get there until after the second bell," admitted Tom Kubiak, junior.

In between classes, hallway havoc is in full swing.

"Between classes, the students tend to socialize, engage in horseplay, etc.," claimed Pat Mulloy, government teacher.

Appearance is a "biggie" during this time. Female faces are found in locker mirrors. Clouds of hairspray linger here and there.

The crowded bathrooms resemble cosmetic stores. The latest in scents waft through the air.

"I do not worry about my appearance between classes because I know I am beautiful whether I look kind of bad or not. So if they cannot see the beauty, too bad," boldly stated Lisa Orosz, sophomore.

Some males at MHS seem to have their own opinions.

"I think it is rather ridiculous for girls to worry about how they look because I doubt that they can make themselves any better looking in the time allowed between classes," stated Jeff Dian, senior.

"Anyway, it is not the looks that are important, it is what is on the inside," he added.

"It seems that these girls are more worried about how they look rather that the way they act," added Joe Kumstar, junior.

Students, digging frantically in their lockers, partake in an endless search for that paper which was due a week ago.

Some lockers suspiciously resemble the local dump. Their owners have different ways of describing and dealing with this problem.

"In short and sweet terms, I would describe my locker as the bottomless pit. Finding things in my locker that do not move or reproduce is the least of my problems," admitted Becky Stewart, senior.

The latest gossip can always be heard bouncing from the walls. Males and females congregate to hear the juicy details. Homework and tests are also part of the discussion.

"My friends and I talk about what girls look the best in what jeans, where the parties are going to be, and, as a last resort, we talk about schoolwork," stated Brad Henderson, senior.

Couples can be found hand-in-hand or catching that one last snuggle.

"I spend time with my girlfriend between classes because I love her, and I like to spend as much time with her as possible," claimed Lance Summers, junior.

Those who are not with their

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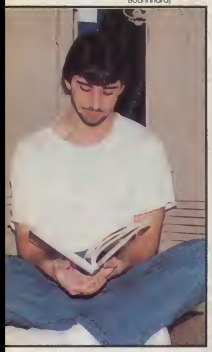

Hallways are sometimes a very quiet place to study as shown by Mike Belmonte, senior. Belmonte is preparing for a test in business law.

steadies can be found admiring the "hunks" and the "babes" pinned on neighboring lockers.

The mob mysteriously disappears, as if into thin air, as the last bell sounds. Stragglers groan at the thought of another tardy. Hallway havoc has ceased for another hour.

by CINDY HYDINGER

Before the break-up, Randy Parpart and Lori Sell, sophomores, catch a few minutes together. Many couples spend time holding hands between classes.

As they fix their hair and make-up, Christine Salas and Kathy Shultz, seniors, get ready before the start of the school day. Most washrooms are usually filled with students each morning who haven't completed their look for the day.

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After the bell, students begin to walk their way to their classes. A six minute passing time is provided to get from one class to another.

Help. Questioning Bruce Woods, English teacher, about their term papers are Debbie Galka, Larry Iglendza, Jeff Dian and Keith Nipper, seniors. Students spent nine weeks in Advanced Composition working on their research papers.

This rock specimen is under the careful observance of Hank Lorenz and Nancy Nims, seniors. Jack Neuliep's Earth Science classes study the different rock forms.

Photos/Schrenker

Ask Anyway

What did you just say?

Well, his hand is in the air again, and he's rambling on and on about something the teacher doesn't even understand.

Sometimes, students who ask a lot of questions really get on others' nerves.

Usually, the only questions that come up during a class period are valid and worthwhile.

However, we have all been in a situation where one person kept asking the same questions until the entire class could recite the answer with him.

Ursie Setlak, senior, commented, "The people who keep asking the same question over and over really irritate me."

In addition, Liz Long, senior, said, "I think it's okay to ask questions, but sometimes those people get very annoying."

While you are sitting there, watching the minute hand on the clock revolve, you probably begin to wonder what this guy is really trying to prove. Is it that they are effective "time wasters" or could they be genuinely interested in the lecture material?

Becky Torres, senior, agreed with the latter, stating, "They ask questions because they are interested in the subject matter."

However, many students disagreed with her view.

Setlak also stated, "They try to get the teacher off the subject so they can avoid listening to a lecture and get out of having homework."

Heidi Ottomanelli, senior, added, "A lot of them are just trying to make the teacher look bad and get him confused so he can't understand the other questions."

Just as the students' views contrasted, so did the teachers.

Janet Anderson, art teacher, agrees with most of the students' ideas. She stated, "When students' questions get to rhetorical, I simply 'tune them out' and try to help the others out."

However, Pat Mulloy, government teacher, responded, "Generally, I like it. Questions tend to reflect an interest in the material."

So, when the endless questions are finally stopped by the bell, consider both sides of the situation, and try to hold some hope that the next hour won't be quite so monotonous.

by MICHELLE MUSSER

As he explains the grading scale, Robert Brown, math teacher, tells Todd Posko, sophomore, how the system works. Most math classes follow a standard grading system.

In preparation of giving the correct answer, Julie Koenig senior, patiently awaits to be called upon. Valerie Tonke teaches these journalism classes twice a day.

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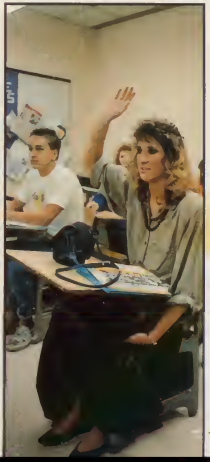

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Buckle up or pay $25

Drivers Adjust To New Indiana Seatbelt Law

Buckle Up For Safety.

As of July 1, 1987, wearing seatbelts became law in Indiana. Everyone must wear them or face a $25 fine.

Most students feel that seatbelts are a hassle.

According to Jerry McCormack, junior, "Seatbelts don't allow me to turn around and stare at the girls when I drive by."

Although, 85 percent of the injuries that occur in a car accident could have been prevented if a seatbelt was worn.

But is the law enough to make students wear seatbelts?

Lisa Rimer, junior, remarked, "I mostly wear it because it is a habit, but also it is a law."

Other students do not consider it is a law. To them, it is a safety precaution against injury in case of an accident.

Mike Lesniak, senior, stated, "I wear my seatbelt when I start to drive like a madman because I don't want to die."

Even though driving without a seatbelt is not cause to be pulled over, if stopped for another offense, the driver will be fined an additional $25 for every person not wearing the belt.

According to Merrillville police officer, Ed Westbury, "If a person is involved in an accident and a seatbelt isn't worn, a ticket will be issued to the driver regardless of whose fault the accident was."

The new law doesn't seem to have a big effect on many students.

"It hasn't affected me that much because I either don't remember to wear it, or I don't want to wear it," Rich Harter, junior.

by TAMMY TABOR

Click. Before driving off, Monica Noel, senior, fastens her seatbelt. Indiana enforced the new seatbelt law July 1.

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Added days too much for students

School is where students go to learn, make friends and prepare for the future. But for some students, added days would be just too much.

Adding days has caused a controversy. Some students and faculty members expressed their feelings about new state proposals.

According to Dr. Daniel Rapacz, principal, Indiana used to have one of the shortest school years in the nation. However, five more days will be added to the 1988-89 school year.

Dr. Rapacz stated, "I'm not opposed to five extra days to make 180, but to adding more context. More time should be spent on concepts."

In addition to five more days, missed snow days will be made up.

Larry Iglendza, senior, remarked, "No, I don't want to make up days, because this place is driving me crazy as it is."

Susie Manojlovic, junior, said, "I feel it's a bad idea, because we get enough of this place during the school year."

by KRISTINA KOSTUR

Let it snow. This will be omitted from everyone's wish list. According to a new state law, all missed days of school will be made up in the 1988-89 school year.

Concert goers do almost anything

Whether it's camping out, spending all your money or getting arrested, MHS students want to go to concerts. Listening on the radio just isn't enough.

Although most of the students want concert tickets, it's not as easy as it may seem.

Sure, for a normal, not so popular rock group just standing in line may work in achieving the tickets. Yet, some MHS students have been through much more.

For example, the "wanted so badly" U2 tickets attracted hundreds of teens to Calumet City, lining up wasn't allowed until 6 a.m. to prevent any problems.

But, as the other kids lined up, an MHS student did the same. The policeman came and gave him a warning. Then he returned half an hour later and arrested the people in line.

Since the student fled from the police, he was caught and arrested at 2:40 a.m. for loitering past curfew, failing to obey an officer and resisting arrest. As a result, he failed to get tickets.

"That's one of the extremes I would go to if I could get tickets for any of my favorite groups," he commented.

Another instance concerning U2 tickets at Rosemont Horizon happened when Mike Vela and Ken Barnes, juniors, planned to camp out.

Because of the amount of people, the security began carding to see if everyone was 18 in order for them to stay.

Being under 18, they had to leave. Luckily, someone informed them that tickets would be sold at a nearby mall without security.

"All that running around was worth it. We ended up getting the 27th row and the concert was a KILLER," Vela stated.

Sometimes money is no object when a person gets to be in the room with their "idols."

As Michele Thiele, sophomore, said "For U2 tickets, I'd pay $150 at the most."

Although not all students can afford to pay that much, others find "sneaking in" to work just as well.

Some kids say it is very easy to sneak in to local concerts because of the location and spread out security. Henry Hong, sophomore, stated, "I don't know if I would go as far as to steal the tickets, but I probably would sneak in to see the Cure."

Yet, at sold out concerts, it would be almost impossible to sneak inside because of lack of seats.

Another way students try to obtain tickets is through scalpers. The scalpers buy an abundance of tickets at the regular price and sell them for around $50 to $60 so they receive a profit.

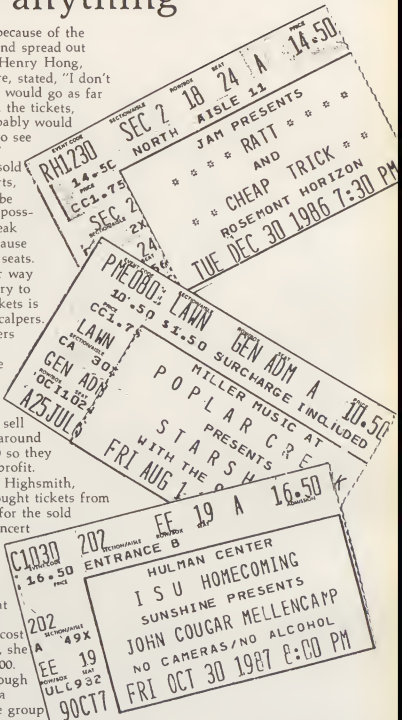
Kimbra Highsmith, senior, bought tickets from a scalper for the sold out U2 concert in Indianapolis. For a pair of tickets that would normally cost about $40, she paid $100.

Although seeing a favorite group in concert is important to many MHS students, others feel that the radio is enough.

Kevin Smith, junior, stated, "I'm not that desperate to see any concert. I just like listening to music."

It isn't just hearing and seeing the group that makes concerts so exciting, but it's being a part of it all.

by Nikki NIKKI BARKASI



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45 minutes away, 'it's our kind of town'

One of the top three major cities is only a 45 minute hop on the Skyway away. CHICAGO.

Ranging from educational museums to shopping on Michigan Avenue to even eating 50's style, Chicago has it all.

"My favorite place is the Rock-n-roll McDonalds because it's so nostalgic," Amy Petrites, senior, commented. "They have a jukebox with all the old 50 and 60's hits and an old Corvette right in the middle of it."

Then there's also the ever popular Water Tower, an eight story, glass elevator and all, shopping place. It was named after the real water tower which is right across the street.

Tony Smith, junior, stated, "My favorite places are downtown and Water Tower Place. I could walk around for hours; there's a million things to do. You're never bored."

"I like Water Tower Place because I like all the different stores," Gayle Anderson, sophomore, added, "And I love the food. It's much better than Southlake Mall."

Not only does water Tower have good food, but the famous pizza place Gino's East isn't too far away. It's almost more popular for its grafitti, which you can find even before you step foot in, then its pizza.

"A great place to go when you're hungry is Gino's East. They have great food and a great atmosphere to eat it in," Scott Novak, junior, stated.

Of course, Merrillville always has Broadway and Valparaiso has Lincolnway to cruise, but Chicago has Rush Street.

Dennis Hinkel, junior, stated, "I like to cruise Rush Street and check out the women."

Also, for seeing a bit of science and history, the museums are another part of Chicago.

"The museums are really neat, especially the Field Museum," Mark Hidalgo, junior, said.

As Frank Sinatra said it best, "Chicago's my kind of town."

by NIKKI BARKASI

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At the top of the world is a great feeling for Kathy Beddome, sophomore, and Jim Lily, junior. The world famous Sears Tower is one of the major tourist attractions in Chicago.

Air time

Athletic events get TV exposure

If one was interested in seeing a game that he found difficult to make, there was always a good chance to either listening to it on the radio or catching the recording of it on cable television.

All the major sports won airtime as the growing interest in MHS athletics skyrocketed to new heights.

"Football and basketball were the major air-time winners on TV, and of course, almost all their games were covered on radio," stated Janis Qualizza, athletic director. Games could be viewed by fans on cable TV's Channel 3.

Football and basketball were not the only sports covered. Although the other sports did not have regularly scheduled coverage, they stood a good chance of being exposed through the other team's coverage.

It's a nice way of exposing our athletes," said Ms. Qualizza.

Prime-time excitement?

Not always, but MHS sports on TV certainly gave our athletes the recognition they deserved.

by TONY AZNAR

Student Council sponsors trip; one hurt on slopes

The student Council planned a ski trip during the winter. They went on a trip to Portage, Michigan for a day of skiing.

They left early Saturday morning and came home on Sunday. On Saturday evening, when they were all tired from skiing, they played games and ate pizza.

Twenty-five of the Student Council members went on the trip with several chaperones.

Some people on the trip have been skiing for a long time while others haven't gone skiing a great deal.

"I never dreamed that when I went down the hill that I was going to get hurt."

Wendy Phillips, sophomore, said "It was a blast, even though I hadn't gone skiing a lot."

Others were daring, while going down hills they wanted to see if they could get down safely.

Debbie Hofferber, junior, decided to go down an "expert" hill. She said, "That she wanted to be daring."

The first time down was all right, but when she went down a second time, she got down it but not on her skiis. While coming down the hill she fell down the hill.

In good spirits she came out of it with a cast on her knee. She said, "I never dreamed that when I went down the hill that I was going to get hurt."

by KORRI FREKO1

"See Debi ski" was what everyone was talking about after Debi Hofferber, junior, injured herself skiing Student Council went skiing for the weekend at Cascade Mountain in Wisconsin.

Velo

'Main Street' at MHS

Usually the writer of an editorial doesn't get a by-line, but in Tracy Wikse's case she received national coverage.

Wikse, senior, wrote an editorial on date rape that appeared in the high school newspaper, *The Mirror.* A NBC television crew came to MHS in December to film Wikse to appear on the teen special, "Main Street."

The editorial was entitled, "Silent crime needs attention." Carolyn Zygmut, senior, wrote the front-page story on date rape.

"Date rape is happening across the country. If women could share their problem, this crime could be stopped," said Wikse.

The taping took about one hour. Wikse had to have the 45-second editorial memorized. The producer, Barry Felcher, made sure that the lighting and sound were just right.

Wikse's editorial was selected by the research staff of "Main Street." The school newspaper was sent to NBC by Columbia University.

"When New York called, I couldn't believe it," stated Wikse, "it was probably the most exciting thing that ever happened to me."

by DEBBIE GALKA

Silent crime needs attention

Date rape has become a frequent crime in our society and has recently received much attention. Women are being forced to perform sexually by verbal and physical abuse.

Society has become much more open about sex in recent years, yet date rape seems to be an issue in which victims fear to report or speak openly about.

Because it is a situation women refuse to discuss, other women fear that they are alone and will be looked down upon by others.

Women must open up in order to cure this crime which is prevalent in our society. It is a fact that the crime exists. A recent survey showed that 90 or 434 women experienced forcible rape. Few, however, are able to discuss it, and even fewer report it to the authorities.

If authorities were notified, the criminal would suffer severe consequences. On the other hand, failure to report date rape provides additional opportunity for the individual to commit the crime again.

If charges were pressed against an individual accused of date rape, others may stop from committing the crime.

Additionally, if a few females speak out, other females are likely to speak out, also. These women could share experiences and help one another emotionally. Groups could be established nation-wide, and women could unite to cure this widespread crime.

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A pause is taken by Tracy Wikse, senior, to listen to instructions from the filming crew. Wikse appeared on NBC on Jan. 5 to read an editorial on date rape.

Late nights

After 2:48 several hours of hard work continues

"Work, work, work that is all I ever hear!" exclaimed Nancy Loscaro, senior.

Many students spend two to three hours on homework a night. According to Drew Furuness, guidance counselor, students should be spending half an hour for each subject a night.

After talking with many students, most of them decided that the only way to succeed is through hard work.

Holly Vance, senior, agreed, "Most nights I have to spend two to four hours studying for tests or quizzes and such."

Teachers explain that the only way to pass their classes is by doing a lot of hard work.

"After working many hours on homework a day", said Pat Mulloy, social studies teacher, "the students will realize, in their grades, that the work really pays off."

Nikki Modrak, senior, explained, "I have to work a little harder on my homework than usual because I have a job. I feel I work just as hard on my job as I do on my homework. I feel that both are really paying off. I'm making good money and my grades are good."

"At college, it is manditory that you study each night. If you did not study, they would flunk you out of college. Learning to work hard now will better prepare anyone for future," stated Susan Christoff, senior.

BY LORI TUBBS

Deep in thought, Phil Boldyn, senior, studies hard to try to understand his calculus lesson. Calculus is one of the many subjects that required many extra hours of homework.

Holiday Star: Entertainment up close

What do Eddie Murphy and Alice Cooper have in common?

How about Anthrax and Go West? Absolutely nothing except that they have all performed at the Holiday Star Theater over the past year.

Although the Holiday Star Theater is smaller than most theaters, it attracts a wide variety of entertainment. The Oak Ridge Boys, Tiffany and The Fabulous Thunderbirds are just a few.

Also, because of the theater's size, practically every seat is good.

"The theater is small enough to go up near the stage. When I went to The Outfield concert, I got to see them close up," said Krissy Trakas, senior.

Not only is the seating smaller, the stage smaller, too. However, this can take away from the stage show since there isn't enough room for many of the side effects.

Carrie Swinford, senior, explained, "The first time I saw Kiss, they had bombs, fire and a back drop. But, when they came to the Holiday Star Theater, they didn't have any of that. They barely had any lights either."

by HEATHER KIRK

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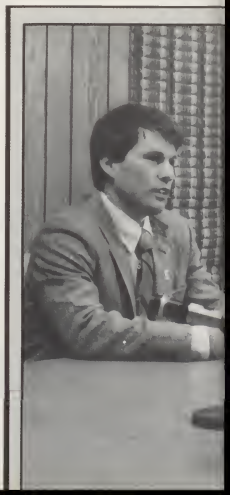

'Mom, can I come home?'

An unbelievable 80 degrees is outside.

Or is it that speech due next hour?

All of a sudden, a headache makes itself known, soon followed by stomach pains and a sore throat. Instant flu.

Right about here is where a trip to the nurse comes in. It's time to go home.

"I like going home because tests stink when it's nice outside," said Buddy Pearson, junior.

Suzie Tam, junior, commented, "I usually try to leave after second hour because the sun is in full force, and I can lay out."

But getting home is not always as easy as it would seem.

"When you are sick, the nurse sends you home, no questions asked," said Patty Zolondz, senior. "But sometimes you have to go to extremes for a simple call home."

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Once students are home free, it's agreeable on the hot spots to be.

"You go to the beach," said Megan McDermott, junior. "There's no other place to be."

by JOY BRIDY

Not feeling to well, Mike Budzevski, senior, calls home. The nurse gives students a choice of going home or lying down when not feeling good.

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NEW COACH

Wimmer brings 44-12 record, state title

Athletic Director Janis Qualizza announced that 31-year-old Rick Wimmer of Zionsville, Indiana will succeed Frank O'Shea as head football coach.

Coach Wimmer, who has coached at Zionsville High School since 1983, has compiled a 44-12 record.

In the last three seasons, Coach Wimmer accumulated a 34-2 record, including the 1988 season's 14-0 record and the Class 3A state title.

"We hired Rick over 30 other candidates. He's a dynamic young coach who has a past record of taking a program and turning it around," Ms. Qualizza stated.

Coach Wimmer is a graduate of Huntington High school and the University of Indianapolis.

"I am extremely excited to be here at Merrillville. I am eager to get things started and prepare for fall. I bring my philosophy of hard work and good work techniques to Merrillville, and I hope to install a program of solid fundamentals," Coach Wimmer announced.

Coach Wimmer said that he is looking forward to several challenges at Merrillville. They include making the transition from coaching 3A to 5A and coaching the Duneland Conference for which he has the "utmost respect."

Another challenge facing Coach Wimmer will be that of going up against Hobart. "Last season Hobart had the best team in the state. I can't make any promises, but right now, I hope to be competitive with them," Coach Wimmer said.

Coach Wimmer realizes that there may be some pressure to win; however, he has been in similar situations and has handled it. Right now, he just wants to get aquainted with Merrillville and its people.

Coach Wimmer is married and has two small children and enjoys a wide variety of activities ranging from bicycling and weight lifting to playing the banjo.

by MIKE BANHAM

Zionsville, Indiana's Rick Wimmer was chosen to succeed Frank O'Shea, dean of students, as the head football coach for the Pirates. He was chosen over 30 other candidates who applied for the job

AND THEN SOME

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Spring break isn't always FLORIDA

Florida was fabulous!

Cancun was a carnival!

Colorado was colorful!

The world travelers found their spring breaks to be quite satisfying as they wasted no time in making tracks to their far-off destinations.

But, for those who chose to keep their suitcases in the closet and their feet planted firmly on the ground, Merrillville was MARVELOUS!

"I stayed home, but my boyfriend came up to visit which made it worth staying," said Alison McCullom, senior.

Merrillville offered a wide variety of activities. They ranged from parties to movies.

"I almost got to go somewhere warm, but I ended up staying here and I got a lot done," claimed Cathy Marks, senior. "I even went to Indy for a couple of days (last big family vacation before I get too old)."

"It wasn't what I would have liked to do, but I still had fun. I went out with my girlfriend and a few of my friends who stayed home," added Jon Lea, senior.

Spending time with girlfriends and boyfriends also proved to be very popular.

"I spent the whole break with my girlfriend," claimed Tony Olejnik, senior.

Spring sports, such as track, baseball, softball and soccer anchored some students to hometown soil.

"I wished I could have gone to Florida, but I went to track and won four races," said a proud Jim Kerr, senior.

"I spent a lot of my time at soccer practice as we began our soccer season over break," added Mike Sofa, senior.

Jobs were yet another incentive to hold spring breakers back.

"I worked two jobs over spring break," admitted Judi Edgerton, senior. "The money was great!"

For those who wanted the sun kissed look without the sun, tan ning salons were their tropics.

"I spent most of my tim 'cheating' in the tanning booth, stated McCullom.

As the world travelers re turned, the "hometowners proved that the suitcases did no have to leave the closets for th good times to roll.

by CINDY HYDINGE

Vacationing in his hometown, Davi Pavnic, junior, takes a trip to Cedar Lake to go windsurfing. Many students are bound to Merrillville because of lack of "dinero."

Gift of life

Over 100 pints of blood donated to help others

On Wed. March 23, 104 students donated blood to the Fort Wayne Regional Red Cross Blood Drive.

The donations were given in efforts to save the life of Bryan Swanson, a fifth grade student at an elementary school in Crown Point.

"The reason I gave blood was because of Bryan. I felt really bad for him, and I wouldn't have felt right not giving blood to help him," stated Krissy Trakas, senior.

All of the donors were at least 17 years old and weighed over 110 pounds. The donors were checked to varify they were in good health and had never suffered from hepatitis.

The blood drive process began with a short talk to the students encouraging those of age to help save a life. Students were informed that the process was not very painful and did not place any health risks on the donor.

Before the students were able to give blood, permission slips signed by a parent had to be returned.

"I feel the blood drive was a good turn out, and the announcement concerning Bryan's condition helped make the drive a success," stated Delores Poxen, nurse.

Swanson passed away at the University of Illinois Medical Center the day before the students donated blood. However, the blood was put to use to help others.

"I gave blood simple because I know that I can save a life. I have plenty of blood and I feel good about giving some of it to someone who is in great need of it," stated Silvana Sulli, senior.

BY TRACY WIKSE

Relaxing on the table, Scott Gronowski, junior, donates a pint of blood to the Red Cross. The blood drive was a huge success receiving 104 pints.

Did you find yourself sitting home on weekends thinking of what a great time your friends were having?

Well, students stopped thinking about their friends and signed up for

COMPUTER DATING.

The Senior Class had a fund raiser for students to find that perfect person through Computer Dating. Students answered a questionnaire about their likes and dislikes. Questions ranged from kissing on the first date to types of music preferred.

Completed forms were then sent to Data Match Incorporated in New York.

Anxiously awaited results were returned in a few weeks. In order for students to obtain their results, they had to pay one dollar.

The results consisted of twelve names from the most compatible to the least. Receiving these names did not mean the students HAD to go out with them.

Many students thought they would have to go out with the people whose names they received. Therefore, some students did not participate.

For example, Brad Evans, senior, commented, "I might be matched up with somebody I don't associate with."

Fortunately, other students looked at the match as being more of a fun thing. "I wanted to see who met my expectations at MHS," concluded, Jennifer Vereb, senior.

So MHS students were able to say good-bye to the Dating Game and Love Connection, but hello to Computer Dating.

by MISSY GAYDA

Homecoming

"Mr. Hot Legs' crowned

Spirit! Excitement!

That certain charisma could be felt everywhere. Jan. 18 marked the beginning of Spirit Week. This week of festivities led to the Homecoming basketball game against Hammond Gavit.

It started off with a "bang" as the three classes competed in a hall decorating contest. Colorful signs and streamers were draped about. Balloons and other paraphenalia added to the atmosphere.

"I think the hall decorating brightened up the school and added to the activities," declared Tami Peters, senior, "I was impressed that the decorations stayed up the entire week."

Shouts of laughter, some mocking and others good-natured, were attributed to the dress code of Spirit Week. (Monday — Plaid Day, Tuesday — Bandana Day, Wednesday — Pajama or Long John Day, Thursday — Hawaiian Day, Friday — Purple and White Day.)

"I thought there was a lot of participation from students and teachers," said Linda Shesto, senior, "everybody had fun with it."

"PJ or Long John Day was my favorite because I usually wear long johns under my jeans. Our school is always so cold, and they are comfortable!" added Susan Christoff, senior.

The Pirates played an exciting game against Gavit.

"To me, it was just another game," admitted Jon Lea, senior. "I knew more people would be there, so I tried to motivate the team members into playing their best."

The team members certainly did play their best as the crowd cheered them on to a victory.

Halftime of the homecoming game brought about even more festivities.

Excitement mounted as the princess and queen candidates filed onto center court.

The sophomore court consisted of Liz Croarkin, Jennifer Hamilton and Becky Zawacki. The junior court was Melissa Best, Melinda Burkhart and Tina Pavlov. Cindy Hydinger, Ann Mestousis, and Nikki Modrak made up the senior court. Mestousis was crowned queen with Croarkin and Burkhart as her princesses.

"Being on the court was something I really appreciated and being elected queen made me very happy," said Mestousis, senior.

Something new added to the fervor of Spirit Week, Student Council sponsored the "Mr. Legs" contest. Ten daring males bared their legs so that all could vote on the best pair. Hank Lorenz, senior, displayed the winning legs at halftime.

"I thought it was a great idea because we got to see all of the guys' sexy legs in the middle of winter," claimed Leslie Osoba, senior. "It was like summer all over again."

The Homecoming indoor parade displayed the hard work of different groups. Colorful floats captured everyone's attention.

"I feel the Senior Class float was the best," declared Judy Edgerton, senior. "That's because I'm a SENIOR!"

Contrary to Edgerton thoughts, winners of the parade were the FHA and HERO club's floats.

"Those who participated made Spirit Week fun and interesting!" exclaimed Michelle Santos, junior.

by MIKKI DUDAK

With MHS spirit, Jeff Galka and Scott Moore, sophomore, pull their class float around the court. The winner of the Basketball Homecoming parade was the FEA float.

Proud of his winning legs, Hank Lorenz, senior, displays his first place award for "Mr. Hot Legs '88." Student Council sponsored the Homecoming event for the first time.

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Halftime. The pom pon squad keeps the Homecoming fans rowdy with the "can-can." Sophomores were the most enthusiastic when it was announced that they won spirit week.

After being selected as Basketball Homecoming Princess, Liz Coorkin, sophomore receives flowers. Many students participated in the Homecoming festivities.

"Each member of the JV and varsity basketball teams given Hawaiian flowers wear. And it was fun supporting the Sophomore Class in Spirit Week."

Brian Puinti

Spirit was evident throughout Homecoming week, as Brian Puinti, sophomore, dressed up for Hawaiian day. Sophomores won the "Most Spirited Class" award for their participation in the week's events.

NO WHERE TO GO

Seniors compete in 'crazy' olympics

"Under lock and key!"

"Just like jail!"

Different students had different ways of expressing their feelings on expected outcome of the SENIOR "lock-in."

The Class of 1988 enjoyed one of its final flings on Friday, Mar. 18.

The seniors were "prisoners" of MHS from midnight until 6 a.m.

Their prison, however, offered hours of festivities.

One chief concern was that of staying awake.

"I was really worried about keeping my eyes open," admitted Judi Edgerton, senior. "I wasn't used to keeping such odd hours."

Once inside, many of the "inmates" found that the word dozing was not in their vocabulary.

"We didn't have time to get tired," exclaimed Melanie Book, senior. "There was so much to do."

The six member olympic teams were a big hit. These teams competed in events, such as volleyball, Win-Lose-or-Draw, and the toilet paper wrap. They even tested "how low they could go" in the Limbo contest.

Those with heartier appetites found the Twinkie eating contest to be just their style. Louis Lopez, senior, walked away as the boy's winner and Lori Tubbs, senior, took the female honors. Yes, even the girls let their modesty go.

"At first, I was embarrassed stuffing twinkies into my mouth," admitted Becky Stewart, a senior contestant. "But it ended up being fun as my friends cheered me on.

Many dropped their "ball and chain" to let loose in the dance contest. Girls and boys alike created their own crazy steps. Sylvanna Sulli and Rob Schultz, seniors, carried (or danced) away the "Best Dancer" awards.

Michelle Dudak and Mike Belmonte, seniors, teamed up with some fancy footwork for the "Best Couple" award.

"Mike and I had a fun time dancing together even though it was unplanned until we got to the lock-in," stated Dudak. "Mike was a great partner."

Gearing down a bit, there were the movie rooms. These "cells" offered a nice break from the game activities.

"It was nice to get away from the crowd and enjoy a good movie," stated Maxine Righi, senior.

Pizza, pop and breadsticks fed the ravenous bunch. The vending machines were also open for business.

Teachers, parents and administrators acted as "guards," or chaperones, for the crowd.

As the sun rose at 6 a.m., the gates swung open to dismiss the prisoners. A fitting end to a fun filled evening.

by CINDY HYDINGER

The winner, Louie Lopez, senior, tries to smile for a picture with his mouth full. The object to this contest was to devour 4 twinkies the fastest.

All wrapped in toilet paper, Mikki Dudak, Phil Michael, Alison McCollum, and Mike Belmonte, seniors, participate in the lock-in. Many activities were planned to entertain students at this year's lock-in.

"The twinkie eating contest was fun and exciting, but

there was a little disappointment in the loss since Lou Lopez beat me by only half a twinkie."
Tony Olejnik

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Ready to snap a picture, Patti Tubbs, junior, looks on during the lock-in. Many juniors volunteered to help organize the lock-in.

Ted Pigott and Krissy Trakas, seniors, shake it down on the floor during the dance contest. The theme song to this contest was "Dirty Dancing."

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Practice makes perfect, as Buddy Pearson, junior, gets ready for his performance in the Revue. Buddy participated in comedy and musical acts during the Revue.

Styling his hair and intensely looking in the mirror is Jerry McCormack, junior. This is one of the outrageous looks shown at the Revue.

REVUE 88

Three emcees entertain between acts

"Good morning Vietnam," screamed Mitch Davidhizar, senior, one of the three Revue '88 emcees.

The other two were Jeff Coto, senior, and Buddy Pearson, junior. Each emcee did a special skit to introduce the acts.

For example, Pearson did impressions of famous people, such as Bill Cosby, while Coto and Davidhizar acted in the skits.

Fifty-four students took time out of their busy schedules to practice for and play in Revue '88 on Feb. 19 and 20. The students practiced for four weeks before opening night.

Bruce Woods, English teacher, directed the Revue with help from assistant director, Rosanne Pool. Miss Poll was the student teacher in Joe Morrow's speech classes. Student director was Joy Bridy, junior.

Thirteen acts held the audience captive. There was a variety of songs, dances, bands and comedy skits to keep everyone happy.

"I thought some of the bands were pretty good, and there were a few individual performances I liked," stated George Nicolich, junior.

Lori Sell, a sophomore member of the cast, stated that all the hard work paid off and in the end "the performances were exciting."

Once again, the Jazz Band performed in the Revue. This made some of the acts in the Revue a tradition. Even though some traditions were getting started, others were ending.

Coto and Davidhizar had been in the Revue since their sophomore year. According to some, they were the main attraction besides the bands.

Not only was it the last performance for these two seniors, but also for some other seniors and a junior, including Gregg Stepp.

He moved one week after the Revue but left a memorable good bye when he dedicated the song, "I Won't Forget You" to MHS at the last performance.

Mr. Woods stated before the Revue that it would "turn out very well," and Angel Martin, junior, confirmed his prediction by stating, "It was great."

by SUSAN LYTLE

In preparation for the gig at the Revue is Matt Stefankiewicz, junior. The 1988 Revue was enjoyed by many students.

Sitting very quietly and concentrating on his part is Steve Brandon, junior. He was one of the Revue cast members.

Weekends

Places to go, people to see

Since weeknights are usually a time to relax and catch up on schoolwork, students are eager to let loose when the weekend arrives.

Bob Winovich, senior, stated, "Even though I work and sleep most of the weekend, I find time to see my friends."

Not everyone stays in this area for a good time.

"I go to Purdue when there's nothing to do in Merrillville. It's usually frantic, but it's fun!" said Carrie Swinford, senior.

Some students even exercise their talents. Many spend hours at practices.

"My time is spent working and practicing. Anything to get out of studying!" stated Michelle Owen, sophomore.

Of course, the malls are crowded with teens on any given Saturday.

"The weekend is my only time to do serious shopping. I love to go with my friends and tear apart the clothes stores!" commented Linda Shesto, senior.

Many students prefer to frequent the cinemas.

Erik LaCoss, junior, commented, "I go to horror movies a lot for the raw thrills and cold sweats!"

Another favorite indoor activity is playing pool.

"When I go out with the guys, we sometimes like to go Stardust and shoot some pool if the weather's bad," said Mike Heminger, junior.

Believe it or not, some students enjoy staying home when they get the chance. This gives them a chance to listen to their music.

"One of the things I like to do in my spare time is to listen to music. Bad Co., Van Halen and Aerosmith are my favorites," stated Mike Barton, senior.

Most students find going to parties a highlight of the weekend.

"I like to go to parties because it's a chance to have fun with all your friends and not worry about school," concluded Jenni Hamilton, sophomore.

Students will do just about anything on on the weekend — as long as it has nothing to do with school!

by LARA BUCK

At one of Southlake Mall's card shops, Ali Setlak, junior, searches for that perfect card. When weekends finally come, some students relax by shopping.

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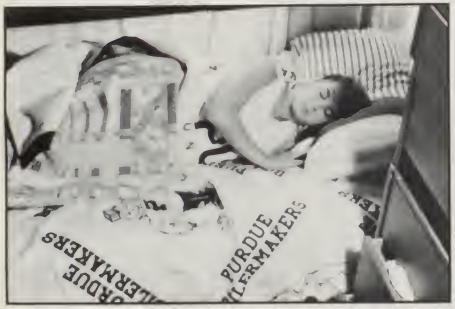

Dudak

After an exciting night on Purdue's campus, Vicki D'Asto, senior, sleeps until the late afternoon. Many students visit colleges on weekends to see old friends and learn about campus life.

The view looks good to Kathy Beddome, sophomore, and Jim Lily, junior, who gaze upon the city of Chicago atop the Sears Tower. On weekends, Chicago has become a place for visits.

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Decisions

Challenges appear daily

What seemed to be waiting around every corner and down every path?

Decisions!

They popped up everywhere and were found in a variety of shapes and sizes.

"I think most of the decisions in high school are easy. But they get tougher as graduation approaches," said Anne Sikora, senior.

These decisions play a major role in a teenager's life. They often border on the fine line between what is right and what is wrong.

"When choosing between right and wrong, I think about the outcome and consider it," claimed Andy Luttinen, senior.

Priorities are right up there when it came to choices.

What comes first?

Grades?

"I have had to make decisions on whether to watch television or do my homework," stated Patti Sinkiewicz, senior. "My choice was based on what kind of grade I was getting in the class."

Parents?

"Sometimes I stay home just to please my mom when she thinks I am going to get overtired and sick," admitted Leslie Osoba, senior.

Friends?

"Sometimes I have to decide whether to go out with my friends instead of studying for a test," admitted Amanda Gearhart, sophomore.

"I usually make my decision based on how important the test is to my grade and whether I'll have time to study at school," she added.

There was also the opportunity to hold a job while in school. Is this a wise choice or will grades begin to suffer?

"It is good for a student to have a job because it shows a person more responsibility," said Irsey Setlak, senior. "It also teaches them how to react to other people from different places."

The thought of life after high school also made way for some important decisions. Many of these concerned college.

"Some decisions I've made about college are learning to study better and taking things like exams more seriously," stated Maxine Righi, senior.

Perhaps the most important choices and decisions were those dealing with peer pressure. This pressure was present day after day. Sometimes it even forced decisions.

"The biggest problem I've faced was the decision on whether or not to try a joint with my best friend," claimed Scott Love, junior. "After I made the decision not to, he did not push it."

"Peer pressure is not really that bad, as long as you know how to deal with it," stated Becky Stewart, senior.

No matter how small or how large the choice was, the decision made had to be right for the individual.

by CINDY HYDINGER

"When choosing between right and wrong, I think about the outcome and consider it." Andy Luttinen

Time out. Studying for an upcoming test, Krissy Trakas, senior, and Rena Guernsey, junior, quiz each other. Some students use extra time given by teachers to go over notes and prepare for tests.

While participating in a class discussion, Chaundra Reno, junior, says what's on her mind. Teachers appreciated those students who contributed in their classes.

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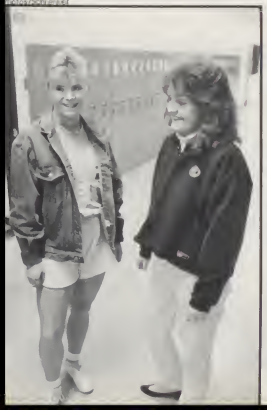

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Friends always take time out between classes to talk. Wendy Phillips and Jenny Klasner, sophomores, face the decision of what to wear and who to talk to daily.

Students go over finalizing graduation plans with Dr. Daniel Rapacz, principal. Many meetings with a group of twenty seniors at a time were held to prepare them for commencement.

One of the key officials in the Iran-Contra scandal was Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North. During his testimony, he became quite famous.

Televangelists Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker left their PTL ministry after a sexual scandal involving Mr. Bakker surfaced. Tammy Bakker underwent drug treatment therapy.

The stock market suffered severe damage on "Black Monday," on Monday, Oct. 19, when the Dow Jones plummetted 508 points. Many people were worried about entering another depression.

World Wide Photos

News Makers

Political, religious scandals dominated news in 1987-88

This past year brought about many expressions of joy, grief and excitement. From all across the United States, as well as across the world, news headlines touched us all.

The sad news of deathly diseases is never pleasant. More than 25,000 Americans died from the disease known as AIDS, from which there are no survivors. Millions of dollars have been poured into medical research and little is still known about this deadly disease.

Some celebrity deaths that shocked the nation were Liberace, John Huston, Lee Marvin, Jackie Gleason, Andy Gibb and Lorne Greene.

Perhaps the scandals were the most intriguing bits of gossip heard across America. Television evangelists Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker said farewell to the PTL ministry in March. Jim Bakker resigned after confessing to a sexual encounter with Jessica Hahn.

Also, Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North, was a key official in the plan to aid anti-government rebels in Nicaragua with money from arms sales to Iran. In testimony before the Iran-Contra hearings in Washington, North became a true celebrity.

The Middle Eastern countries have had effects on the state of our nation. In an effort to keep the Persian Gulf open to navigation, in July the U.S. began to escort vessels to protect them from the Iranian Government. The U.S. confiscated several mines located in the Persian Gulf. In September the U.S. Navy blew up an Iranian ship that was caught laying mines in the Gulf.

Gary Hart, Democratic presidential candidate for the 1988 ballot, dropped his campaign after it was made known that he was romantically involved with Donna Rice, an actress and model from Miami, Florida. Hart re-entered the race and eventually dropped out again.

The following candidates were in the race to receive the presidential nomination: Robert Dole, George Bush, Jesse Jackson, Albert Gore and Michael Dukakis.

Supreme Court Justice appointments have been hard to find in 1988. The Senate rejected President Ronald Reagan's nomination of Robert H. Bork with a 58-42 vote. This ended a long debate over a justice sometimes portrayed as a great jurist and a dangerous extremist.

Pope John Paul II visited nine cities across the country, starting in Miami. President and Mrs. Reagan gave the Pope a formal greeting.

California has been a state known to have many earthquakes. An earthquake that reached 6.1 on the Richter scale caused extensive damage.

One bit of news became a national joke as well as a symbol of one of the nation's worst problems — managing solid waste. A barge filled with 3,128 tons of garbage, looking for a place to dump its cargo, was banned by six states and three foreign countries before an incinerator reduced it to ashes.

More economic information was that the Dow Jones industrial stock average dropped 508 points, the largest in history. On Oct. 19, the third Monday of October, $500 billion from the market value was stripped of U.S. securities.

Sports news was quite interesting, also. The NFL players went on strike for 24 days during October. The union went to court instead of bargaining with club owners.

Dennis Conner, the man who lost the America's Cup in 1983, won it back four years later. The "Stars & Stripes" completed a 4-0 sweep over "Kookaburra III" in the race that took place in Australia.

Minnesota beat St. Louis in the last seven innings of the World Series. The Twins celebrated their long awaited victory over the Cardinals.

The Winter Olympics were in Calgary, Alberta, and the U.S. came back with few medals. The Summer Olympics were in Seoul, Korea.

The past year has thus been a year where the United States suffered many losses and received many gains.

by KRISTINA KOSTUR

Many football fans were outraged when the NFL decided to strike at the beginning of the football season. Some labor unions organized protest marches with the players to show their support of their union.

Something For Everyone

Hard work, dedication pay off

"Hard work and patience do pay off," said Suzie Tam, junior cast member of the fall play, "Up the Down Staircase."

"We had a lot of tough times, but we pulled through okay," Tam said.

The play had final-week drop-outs and low rehearsal attendance, among its other problems.

Mike Lohse, senior, said, "I was the only senior in the play, and I really appreciated the cast's support. I didn't know such hard work could be so much fun."

Lohse, along with many other cast members, stated that Joey Darnell, sophomore, "saved the play" by accepting a key role the week of performance.

"I had a lot of good times and made a lot of new friends," said Allison Hawkins, sophomore. "I'm mainly happy we pulled it off!"

Hard work and dedication also paid off in the end for the spring play. The play was three one-act plays tied together and called "No Vacancy."

"The second one was the best, because the two actors used British accents really well and made the play very funny," stated Mike Krcoski, senior.

The play was performed on April 29 and 30. Scenery was not a problem for the cast since all three plays took place in the same hotel room.

Student director, Patty Zolondz, senior, stated, "I was really surprised, because I didn't think it would turn out, but in the end it was darn good."

Chris Salomon, sophomore, and Kim Kirn, junior, agreed on the fact that they both enjoyed the play very much.

Nicole LaPlante, junior, concluded, "I could tell they had worked very hard on making the play a success, and I feel the work paid off."

by JOY BRIDY, SUSAN LYTLE

Gazing up in terror at her murderer, Mike Banham, junior, attempts to kill Jenny Erfurth (Mrs. Elbert Stevenson), junior. "Sorry, Wrong Number" is a murder mystery that was featured as the first act of the junior-senior play.

Brush in hand, Lisa Sponel, senior, applies stage makeup to Lisa Bernstein, senior. Both girls had parts in the 1988 spring play, "No Vacancy."

While Tracy Gose, sophomore, speaks to her class, Sue Lytle, junior, reads the love poem that she wrote, while Becky Rogers, junior, looks on. The three played Sylvia Barrett, Alice Blake, and Carole Bianca respectively during the fall play.

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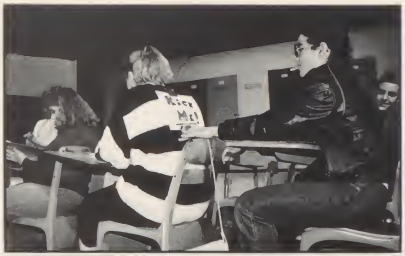

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Admiring the plans in his lap is Steve Brandon, junior. Brandon played a Britain in "The Still Alarm," the second act of the spring play, "No Vacancy."

Jokingly placing a "Kick Me!" sign on Kristine Doherty's sophomore, back is Mike Nuzzo, junior. Nuzzo played the class troublemaker in the three act play, "Up The Down Staircase."

Endless

Perfect ingredients for perfect Prom night

"I was thoroughly and utterly drained after Prom weekend, but I had the best weekend of the year!"
— Patti Zolondz

Ingredients: 1 bow tie, 1 garter, 1 gown, 1 tux.

These ingredients, with a touch of soft music and dim lights, equal an "ENDLESS SUMMER NIGHT."

The Junior Class of MHS "cooked up" a magical setting for some "cookbook" romances. The mixing of an "ENDLESS SUMMER NIGHT" took place at St. Elijah Serbian Hall.

Pictures played a major role with every couple's story. The fancy Prom-goers could be seen dotting the lawns of Merrillville's subdivisions.

"I felt like a captured criminal being photographed by every newspaper in the world," claimed Mike Soffa, senior. Many couples chose to have their studio pictures done at St. Martin's Studio.

"We had our pictures taken at St. Martin's before prom because we did not feel like fighting the picture line at the hall," admitted Judi Edgerton, senior.

The attire really "brought things to a boil." Dresses ranged from the lacy southern belle innocence to the sophistication of tight satin. Some of the more daring expressed themselves with short dresses.

"There was a lot of variety in Prom dresses, but they were all very nice," stated Jon Lea senior.

The male population colored the room in their blacks, whites and grays. They sported anything from tales to high-top Converse gym shoes.

Dinner began promptly at 7 p.m.

"The food at Prom was much better than last year," admitted Ron Eich, senior. "This year it was warm, and the roast beef even tasted good."

The Ladies Room was a mixture of perfume and hairspray. Females crowded wall-to-wall in order to freshen up.

"My girlfriend wore tons of hairspray," said Brian Randall, senior, "the smell was AWFUL!"

Next, the recipe called for the traditional crowning of the Prom King and Queen. The honors went to Melinda Burkhart and Mike Hemminger, juniors.

Of course, there was the long awaited removal of the garter. This "spiced up" the evening as many of the males removed garters with their teeth.

As the evening began to close, limousines arrived to pick up couples.

"Our limo ride was awesome!" exclaimed Leslie Osoba, senior. "I am so glad we decided to go all out this year!"

The traditional "day after" was certainly another "main course." Some of the hot spots included Great America, Chicago and Potatoe Creek.

"We went to Great America the next day because we enjoy the rides and each other's company," admitted Becky Stewart senior.

"We went to Chicago because nobody woke up in time to go to Great America," said Larissa Radczenko, senior.

Double dates went hand-in-hand with Prom. Many found it was more fun to travel in groups.

"I enjoyed doubling with my best friend because we do everything together," said Bridgette Dervish, junior. "We even had the same Prom dress!"

The grand total for all "ingredients" added up to a hefty sum for both boy and girl. However, not too many complained.

"The expenses were definitely worth it because we had a great time," said Jim Kerr senior.

The final product, mixed with a lot of fun, was a definite success.

"I was thoroughly and utterly drained after Prom weekend," said Patti Zolondz, senior, "but I had the best weekend of the year!"

by CINDY HYDINGER

Who will it be? Awaiting the crowning of this year's queen are Melissa Best, Melinda Burkhart, Tina Pavlou, and Shana Lieber, juniors. Burkhart won the honor at the 1988 Prom.

With garter in mouth, Scott Reder and Raeanne Renner, seniors, enjoy themselves. Reder was Prom King last year.

Sharing a smile, Roy Parpart, senior, and Debbie Wilczynski enjoy the Prom. "Endless Summer Nights" was the theme for Prom '88.

Let's dance. Fun times were at the top of the list at Prom '88. Over 500 people attended.

Graduation

Fireworks signal time to celebrate

"A positive attitude and believing you can do something is more valuable than anything else. If you're average with a positive attitude, you're half way to the top."

— Roger Crawford

Well, June 5 brought no rubber chickens or beach balls. Just a lot of proud MHS seniors and their parents, relatives and friends.

In action since the first month of the school year, the Commencement Planning Committee had the ceremony down to a science.

Lori Tubbs, senior, said, "We looked into virtually everything from having it outside to choosing the speaker. It was worth the work, since it turned out so well."

Graduation ceremonies were outside for the first time in over ten years. Commencement ended with 15 to 20 seconds of fireworks.

Each senior wanting to participate in the ceremonies attended one of the various scheduled meetings with Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, principal. They then had to sign a form of behavioral rules for the afternoon.

"The meetings were a good idea, but the whole matter was over exaggerated," said Tom Brooks, senior. "I don't think they made that much of a difference."

Graduation robes were a final step for the seniors.

"Getting the robes was a hassle," said Darcie Baehler, senior, "but once we got them, we realized how close we were to freedom."

The commencement speakers were Pamela Lepley, valedictorian; Lisa Bernstein, salutatorian and class president; and Charles Zembillas, salutatorian.

Zembillas said, "Graduation is the culmination of the twelve years of training. Like athletes, we cannot achieve our goals without hard work."

Commencement was highlighted with guest speaker Roger Crawford, who has appeared on national television. He was born without fully developed limbs.

Mr. Crawford said, "A positive attitude and believing you can do something is much more valuable than anything else. If you're average with a positive attitude, you're halfway to the top. But if you're average with a negative attitude, that's halfway to the bottom."

Bernstein closed commencement by saying, "My last words are to remind us to keep those promises we've written in those yearbooks — friends forever and keep in touch."

by JOY BRID

Kim

A hand shake for luck. Many of the students were appreciative of the time Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, principal, spent in preparing our commencement.

As Dr. Robert Schrenker handed out the diplomas, he congratulated each of the graduates. Lara Buck, senior, receives her diploma.

Seniors anxiously wait for their turn to receive their diploma. The ceremonies lasted approximately 90 minutes.

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The guest speaker at the commencement was Roger Crawford II. He gave a very strong message about attitudes.

With strong emotion, Lisa Bernstein, salutatorian, went through the year in review. Second in the class was tied between Berstein and Charles Zembellas.

Putting IT ALL TOGETHER

Depending on each of us when, how often and where we study seems to differ. Studying can vary from sitting in front of the television to glaring over a pile of books.

Adapting to fit our changing interests, these classes add an extra spurt to both our enthusiasm and interest.

Even though we don't spend our prime hours in them, they seem as if they're unavoidably; our first choice. These classes put a sudden damper to schedules.

Deep in concentration, Jessica Balczko, junior, reads her U.S. History assignment. History is a required class for graduation.

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While sitting at the table, Sandy Rising, senior, puts the finishing touches on her cake. Many students agree that cake decorating is a fun and educational class.

While explaining the concept of math, John Hirchak, junior, listens intensely to James Hill, mathematics teacher. Many students find math courses to be challenging.

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Supervising the in-school suspension room was a lonely job. Few students received in-school punishment, it was replaced with "Saturday Class." Mary Halkias makes sure everyone does their work and does not misbehave.

Saturday detention, Valerie Tanke, English teacher, asks the students, during the "interventionist" hour, if there are any questions. Saturday detention is punishment for students who violate certain rules.

"I am happy that I can be in school with my friends and not have to sit in solitude all day. I feel four hours on Saturday can be handled."

SATURDAY SCHOOL

No more 'Smurfs,' 'Chipmunks,' sleeping in

Saturday school, a form of detention like that of the Breakfast Club, begins precisely at 8 a.m., and those who aren't there by then can figure on not coming. They won't be let in.

The Saturday Extension Program began on Oct. 10. The session lasted four hours. The program was still under revision at that time. Later, the idea of including interventionists, teachers leading small group sessions, was added to the program.

Saturday suspension was a result of avoiding suspending students from class time. A study was done by Frank O'Shea, dean of students. It showed that when students were absent their grade point average decreased considerably.

Sue Sayers, English teacher at Pierce Junior High, stated, "There is a pro and con side to each issue. The pro is that students would not miss class time lectures; lectures are just too difficult to make up."

"The con side affects those with Saturday jobs. Some kids have these jobs really need the money. By having to attend Saturday suspension, they could get fired or lose hours and money. They may, however, learn from their mistakes," she added.

"We're getting punished for something that we did at school, so I think that we shouldn't have to serve it on a weekend, but rather on a week day," stated Mike Fraticelli, senior.

Each Saturday session consists of four hours of studying. Students must do homework.

During this time, students are divided into four separate groups, consisting of junior high students, sophomores, juniors and seniors. Each group talks with the teachers, or interventionists, for an hour.

In these groups, the term "effectiveness training" is applied, which is "pertaining to or resulting from emotions or feelings," explained Lyle Stoelting, psychology teacher. This is also the technique used in Quest classes.

Nenad Radoja, junior, "Having the groups was much better than sitting there for all four hours. It broke up the time."

A few of the topics covered in this training were trust, communication skills, goal setting, decision making, problem-solving and building relationships.

"Not all the students are troubled," Mr. Stoelting added, "but some are considered 'at risk,' meaning in danger of losing schooling. Or sometimes in extreme cases, they are in danger physically or emotionally."

Tony Aznar, senior, who received a Saturday for wearing a t-shirt with a double meaning, said the interventionist part was boring. The activity that day was rating important characteristics of a teacher.

"Talking in groups made the time go by quicker. I'd rather have a suspension on Saturday because it's only four hours in the morning, and you don't miss out on too much," Aznar concluded.

Jon Lea, senior, who has attended the Saturday school, was also pleased that he can be in school with his friends.

Lea stated, "I am happy that I can be in school with my friends and not have to sit in the suspension room in solitude all day. I feel four hours on Saturday can be handled."

On the other hand, Keith Nagy, junior, stated, "I would rather have an in-school suspension than get up at 8 in the morning on a Saturday."

At the end of the first year of the program, it will be evaluated and reviewed. "We haven't had any problems with it," concluded Mr. O'Shea.

by DEBBIE GALKA, NIKKI BARKAŞI

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No one is admitted to Saturday suspension after 8 a.m. Saturday suspension is a penalty that students received instead of in-school suspension. Students sit in a "Study Hall" setting for four hours.

STUDY PLACE

Whether it's at home or the library, students seek the right place to study

Every afternoon, students go to their lockers and try to decide which books they should take home that evening.

While they are doing this, another thought comes to mind, where am I going to study?

Most often that answer lies within their own homes. Since their bedrooms are so close and private, many students use them for study purposes.

Christine Woldt, junior, stated, "I like to study in my room because it's quiet, and I can concentrate very well."

Jeff Galka, sophomore, added, "I use my room to study because I can study the way I want to. Personally, loud music helps me to study. You can't play it at the library."

Other students seem to like to study in groups. One place they may use is another classmate's house or library.

Tammy Jostes, senior, said, "Sometimes I go to a friend's house because it's simply too noisy to study at home."

Jenny Gingerich, senior, stated, "Last year, I went to my friend Michelle's house to work on Mr. Hutchison's take home test. We both worked until two in the morning!"

However, one of the most popular places to get together with friends to study is the Lake County Public Library.

Located on Route 30 in Merrillville, many students go to the library to use the resources, and the quiet it has to offer.

Slavica Koroskoska, senior, said, "I can usually find all the material I need at the county library. Sometimes it really helps to have a lot of information at your fingertips."

All in all, students have many choices about where to go to study.

From their own homes to the public library, students can be found in a number of places catching up on their homework.

The question is, where will you go tonight?

by MICHELLE MUSSER

While in study hall, Nikki Modrak, senior, uses her time wisely. Many students who had after school activities took study hall in order to study for their classes.

Many students sit in hallways to make up study and work. Elaine Evdokiou, sophomore, is one of the many students who sat in the quiet hallways during class time.

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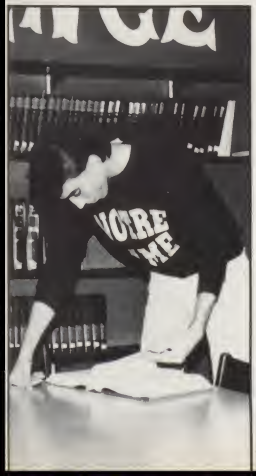

In the library, Chris Solaman, saphamare, looks up information in an encyclopedia. The library shelves are filled with a wide range of reference materials for easy use.

To create a better study environment, Marca Iglendza, junior, studies at the county library. Many students find the Lake County Library on Route 30 the best library in Merrillville.

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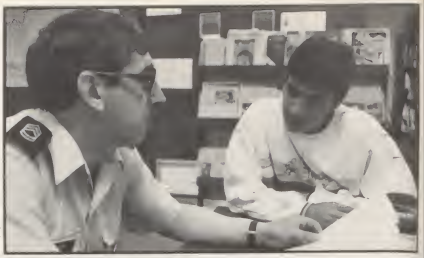

National Guard recruiter, Sgt. Tonsoni, gives information to Mark Shayotovich, junior. Many students choose to go into the military after high school.

CAREER CHOICES

A little help goes a long way

From the moment the doctor slapped the baby's rear end, its parents began planning a future for its newborn child.

They wanted it to have everything they could not and to do all they could not. Whether it be a college plan or a vocational one, they wanted their child to have a successful career.

Career goals range from doctorates and Ph.D.s, to armed forces, mechanics, craftwork and laborers among students. Whatever the field of interest, students can find help from the guidance department.

All three counselors and Sherman Lewis, guidance director, help students find the school of their choice or an interesting career.

"I can help out by finding what they might be interested in, run through their school records and scores with them, and pick out the places of learning in which they are qualified to attend," said Linda Davis, guidance counselor.

Many students wait to the last minute to choose a career. However, Bill Zaikos, senior, has known his goal since his junior year.

"I'm pretty sure I'll major in engineering at Purdue University," stated Zaikos. "It's an excellent school for the field I'm interested in."

Larry Iglendza, senior, had something totally different in mind.

"I've been accepted to IU to major in business. Hopefully, I can get into marketing with a close friend of mine," remarked Iglendza. IU's School of Business is ranked fourth in the nation.

The United States Armed Forces can also proved excellent education in specialized skills.

"This June I'm leaving for the Air Force. After basic training I will begin training for a job in electronics," stated Rick Farias, senior.

Some students are interested in dabbling in the liberal arts.

"I plan on attending DePauw University because I like its smaller size. Perhaps I'll become an English professor," said Ted Pigott, senior.

Where one may need guidance assistance or financial aid, a student can very easily pave his way to a successful future with a well-chosen career.

TONY AZNAR

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In the guidance office, Mitch Davidhizar, senior, picks from the many free pamphlets available to students. Many seniors took advantage of the free literature about financial aid and scholarships.

Calculus? Amy Saceo, sophomore, talks with Sherman Lewis, director of guidance, about which classes best fit her career choice. Sophomores had to decide what classes to take to help them in the future.

Bounnharaj

Introducing NEW PROGRAMS creates valuable learning experiences

Changes! They seemed to be everywhere. Students dealt with them everyday. MHS changed with the times just as the students did.

For example, the Sophomore Class was the first to experience the new physical education program. Wednesdays were designated "class days." PE students spent their time in the classroom instead of in the gym. They learned about the body and how it works. Different exercises were also discussed.

"These classes prove to be valuable learning experiences," stated Lisa Oroz, sophomore.

In addition, English classes, including Basic Composition and Intermediate Composition, have also entered a new atmosphere. They wrote their compositions on the computers.

"Computers are becoming prevelant in our society," claimed Pat Armstrong, English teacher. "The sooner the students learn how to use them; the better off they will be."

Using computers, produced a better product. Errors were seen and corrected easily. It also helped to improve a student's typing skills.

Tom Herbert, assistant principal, and Tom Peller, math teacher, put together a new program of their own. An introduction to Algebra 3 & 4 was taught by both during third hour.

"The purpose of this is to work on different teaching techniques that I learned at workshops," said Mr. Herbert.

The Home Economics department offered its new HERO program.

"This provides work/study programs so that students can attend classes in the morning and then receive on the job training in the afternoon," stated Carol VonBeren, HERO sponsor.

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While at work, Eva Pena, senior, helps a customer at Arcadia, located in Carson Pirie Scott at the Southlake Mall. Students can be worked at various locations as part of the HERO program.

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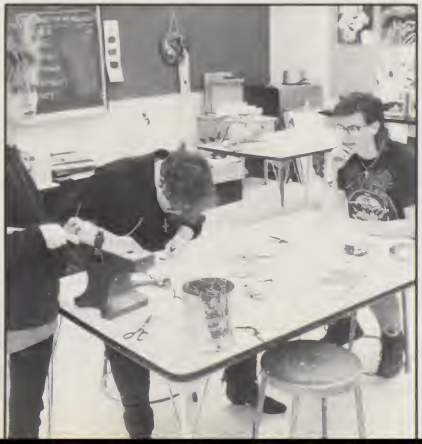

Diligently working on his technical drawing assignment is Robert Sohacki, sophomore. The computers for this class were purchased last year, making this program possible.

Applied design is an educational and entertaining art class taught by Christine Colle, art instructor. Cindi Geeze, Terry Farmer, and Chuck Scates, seniors, concentrate on the jewelry they are making.

Learning how to drive the golf ball for gym class is Don Sopczok, sophomore. Students do a wide variety of activities in physical education.

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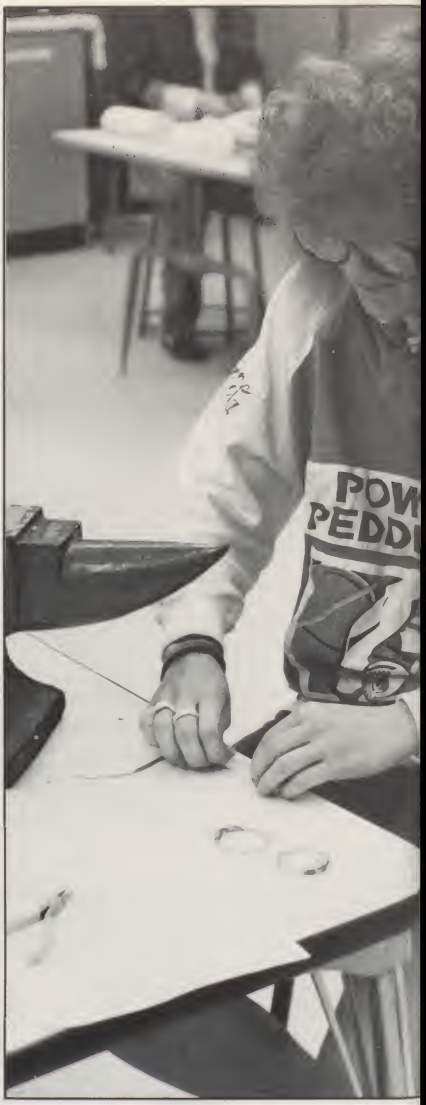
Every line must be perfect for Steve Dankonich, sophomore, and John Seal, industrial arts teacher. Industrial arts classes are taken by many students to prepare them for a possible career in the field of their choice.



In art class, Lori Yorko, senior, works on a new piece of jewelry in applied design. This class provides hands on experience by allowing students to work with design and metals.

NEW PROGRAMS

Valuable learning experiences continue

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Students are given jobs in a variety of vocational areas. Some businesses include Arcadia,, Azars, and Ponderosa.

"I like HERO because I get out of school, I get paid for working, and I also get credits," offered Dawn Belinsky senior.

Upstairs in the Art Department, another new class took shape. This class offered a variety of methods for design. Students did such things as abstracts, silk screens and airbrush.

Indeed, MHS made way for the changing times.

"MHS is building many new traditions as it changes with the times," stated Jim Kerr, senior.

Although times will continue to change, the traditions of success will remain.

by CINDY HYDINGER

"The sooner the students learn how to use them (computers); the better off they will be."

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In perfect form, Jeremy Schaefer, sophomore, demonstrates how to use a bow and arrow. Archery is among one of the favorite sports in physical education students get to participate in.

As REQUIREMENTS continue to grow students will increase credits in English, History for graduation.

"Thank God that I'm in the class of 1988," stated Jennifer Purdie, senior. "However, the new requirements aren't really that big of a deal."

Graduation requirements have changed for the Class of 1989 and the years to follow. From now on seniors will be expected to have many more requirements to graduate.

The added requirements are for the benefit of the student. According to Sherman Lewis, guidance director, "The added requirements are not a punishment, but make-up for deficiencies in education."

Students planning on going to college after graduation will do much better in certain subjects with these new requirements.

For the Class of 1988, only 36 credits are required for graduation. But, for the years to follow, 40 credits will be required. One full credit hour equals 250 minutes per week of instruction per semester.

Sue Bounnharaj, senior, said, "I'm graduating with over 40 credits, and I don't think that 36 credits was too much at all."

According to the curriculum guide, 1989 graduates must complete certain basic requirements, including four years of English (this will include one semester of Intermediate Composition and one semester of Survey of Literature.)

Margaret Stiles, English teacher, said, "I think that the English requirements are no more or less that what other states have. The requirements aren't going to harm anyone."

Also, students are required to take two years of mathematics (during their junior year, students must pass a math competency test) and two years of science.

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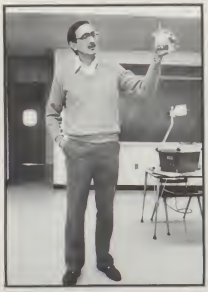

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While using actual solutions as an example, Don Slys, chemistry teacher, lectures to his class. When not in the classroom, Mr. Slys can be found coaching JV boys' basketball.

Explaining the concept of general math on the board, Bill Idzior, math teacher, has the attention of his students. Many students appreciate when teachers explain and show math at the same time.

Bounnharaj

While waiting for class to begin, Lou Lopez, senior, looks over his vocabulary words. Every English class is required to have weekly vocabulary or spelling quizzes.

Measuring their chemicals, Eric Gonzalez and Mike Augustine, juniors, conduct a chemistry experiment. The students learn to use the balance and other tools.

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Required courses continue to grow

"I'm graduating with over 40 credits, and I don't think that 36 credits was too much at all."

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Robert Brown, math teacher, said, "The more math students take, the better for them. Students should only take as much math as they are capable of handling."

Ken Barnes, junior, said, "Geometry was a blow-off, but really interesting for me. It was a good course to take. I got A's across the board."

Joe Kramer, sophomore, stated, "Chemistry's okay, and I'm learning a lot. Sometimes it doesn't make sense."

"Earth Science was simple," said Jessica Balczo, junior. "My science teacher was an intellectual nut!"

Also, two years of social studies (two semesters of U.S. History, plus one semester of economics, government, and Modern World Civilizations) are required.

"Our government class has learned a lot from Miss Galanis," said Belinda Brinkman, senior.

Mark Lash, senior, added "Econ is okay, but sort of boring. It's not that hard. Government is cool, though."

In addition, each student must take one semester of health and safety; one year of physical education (to be taken in their sophomore year); and eighteen elective credits are required.

Students must also select two subjects as majors and two as minors. A major requires three years of credits and a minor requires two years of work.

The State of Indiana is requiring all of the new regulations.

Vicki Ileveski, junior, stated, "I really don't like these new requirements. This Senior Class has seemed to do fine without them."

For the years to follow 1990, graduates must complete five semesters of social studies classes. "The intent with having more social studies requirement is to make students more aware of world issues and views," stated Mr. Lewis.

Becky Rogers, junior, said, "I feel the new requirements are valuable because college will be hard, and we need to be prepared."

"Students will get their first semester in ninth grade and their second in eleventh grade of American History. Also, in eleventh grade students will receive one semester of World Culture to make them more aware of the diversity of life throughout the world," added Mr. Lewis.

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Following the instructions, Pete Paviopoulos, sophomore, works on his chemistry lab. Students conduct many experiments while in the science department.
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For some students, geometry is one of their tougher subjects. Stacy Kadlec, sophomore, is seen here explaining a problem up at the board.

Listening intently to her English lecture is Sue Lytle, junior. All incoming students are required to take four years of English.

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Hard at work Mike Budzevski, senior works contently to finish his government

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Deep in thought Nick Trajkouski, junior, listens to a story in American Literature class. American Literature is an elective for juniors and seniors.

Perplexed by a difficult problem in geometry class is Todd Sadowski, senior. Many students attend math tutoring after school to get some help on their homework.

With a concentrative stare, Scott Moore, sophomore, listens patiently to Mark Owens, Social Studies teacher, lecture in History Of War class. Mr. Owens also teaches U.S. History.

Required courses continue to grow

Mr. Lewis.

"It is a necessity for students to be able to make informed decisions," added Mr. Lewis.

Also, the curriculum guide specifically mentions that students must attend school for four years or have the equivalent of, unless guidance allows. The students wishing to graduate at the mid-term must have all the required credits.

The early dismissal is not going to be a privilege to seniors in the second semester. But, Mr. Lewis advised, "If you plan to go to college, you should be in school."

"The early dismissal policy is there for an option for those students who need to work or for students taking night classes at IUN or Purdue Calument," added Mr. Lewis.

by KRISTINA KOSTUR

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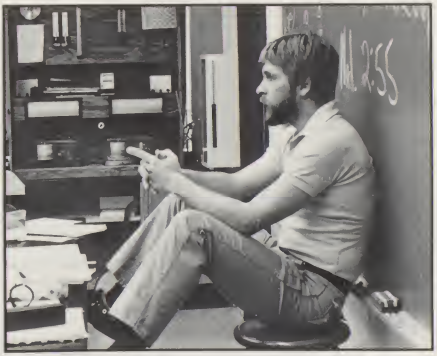

During his biology lecture, teacher Jack Neulip relaxes against the chalkboard. Mr. Neulip received a Pell Grant for science studies before the 1988-'89 school year begins.

Wide variety of ELECTIVES provides something for everyone from art to sociology

Why do students take elective courses?

Many reasons come to mind. Many students agree that they are "blow-offs", but some said that electives were interesting.

Electives are courses that students take to satisfy their interests. These are courses other than the required courses of math, English and science.

A variety of elective courses are offered. Students with interests in cooking, drawing and mechanics have courses offered to them. Home economics and art have a variety of courses offered in their departments.

Unfortunately, with the number of required courses being increased starting with the Class of 1989, electives are harder to fit into schedules.

Also, athletes have to pass four solid courses to participate in sports.

Yet, for many students, electives are considered to be an easy 'A'.

Bob Easton, junior, stated, "Electives are an easy 'A' and pass the time."

"I took two blow-off courses, and they are just as easy as I expected I'm getting an 'A' in both classes and I don't really even study," commented Michelle Moskowitz, senior.

Some students were surprised to find that the electives they chose were more difficult than they had anticipated.

Marty Miller, senior, stated, "I thought sociology was going to be so easy, but you have to work hard in order to get a 'C'."

"I thought I would end up getting an 'A' or a 'B' in accounting, but I did worse that I expected," added Michelle Schmidt, senior.

Some students take electives to keep an interest in school and to take some of the pressure off that required courses can cause.

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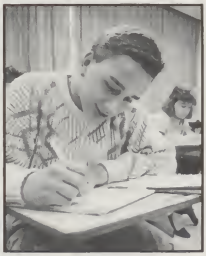

While in journalism Scott Hamilton, senior, anxiously tries to finish his assignment. Journalism was taken by many students to help in their writing techniques.

Problem solving Jerry Kasarda, English teacher, helps Bill Watkins, senior, during his Quest class. Many students found Quest to be a rewarding elective to take.

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As Sheryl Depta, sophomore, types contently, she works on her daily assignment. Bob Bergeson, business teacher, is teaching them how to key in complex computer programs.

Firing up the MHS fans, Ellen Commons, sophomore, on flute and Kristine Doherty, sophomore, on clarinet help to get the fans rowdy. The band plays throughout the basketball season at all of the home games.

During shop class, Mike Naspinski, senior, changes the oil. Shop classes allow students interested in a particular trade to learn many needed skills before attending a trade school after they graduate.

Spaghetti anyone? Robert Ivey, sophomore, prepares an entree for a pot luck dinner during ceramic class.

Cake decorating class gives students a chance to use their imagination when decorating a cake. The finishing touches are being put on her cake radio by Pam Hatala, junior.

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Electives provide something for all.

"Kids need a break from harder classes, and electives provide that," said Debbie Hofferber, junior.

Ed Pendoski, sophomore, added, "It makes school a little more interesting."

Some students chose electives with graduation and grade point averages in mind.

Scott Besedick, senior, stated, "I only took Modern World History to earn a Honors Diploma."

"What a better way to boost your GPA than to take an elective? Next year I plan to take Auto Shop just because it's practical," commented George Nicolich, junior.

Students are also taking advantage of relatively new courses.

Mike McGibbney, senior, opted to take Applied Design, a new art course introduced this year.

"It's a different course that includes many types of art. It gives you an option to sue any type of media that you choose," he commented.

Evette Santiago, senior, stated, "I wanted to take a class that I could learn in, yet not have to worry about.

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"I thought sociology was going to be easy, but you have to work hard in order to get a 'C'."

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Just trying to memorize their lines, acting students, rehearse their skit. Acting classes were taught by Joe Morrow, English teacher.

In time with the beat. The MHS Marching Band marches on the track for a performance on Demaree Field at a home football game.

In auto shop, Jeff Pysh, senior measures his anti-freeze with a radiator tester. Bob Harder, industrial arts teacher, teaches auto shop first and second hour

Lori Keagon, junior, prepares two mouth watering hot dogs. Keagon is working on an assignment made out of clay for Mrs. Collie's ceramic class

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A good eye and a steady hand is what Jimmy Pishkur, sophomore, needs as he sets a router in woodshop. Industrial arts offers auto shop, plastics, metals, graphics and many other courses

Electives provide something for all

Gourmet Foods provided what I was looking for."

Computers is a common elective choice because of its future use in many fields.

"I took computers because it would look good on any resume and increase my chances of getting a better job," stated Jeff Kolodzinsi, senior.

Quest and Child Development are chosen by a wide variety of students.

Jenny Demure, junior, commented, "I'm taking Quest next year because I'd heard how much fun it was. I also chose Child Development to help when I become a teacher as well as for when I become a mother."

Band and orchestra have a steady enrollment because of many veteran players.

"I take orchestra because I've been taking it for eight years, and I've known everyone in the class since I was young," stated Tom Brooks, senior.

Irene Spiro, French teacher, concluded, "I believe students take electives to broaden their horizons and to learn more about the world."

by MISSY GAYDA

Concentration is a major requirement when taking a computer class. Tim Scheafter, senior, works on a program as Chris Castle, junior looks on.

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What seems like a never ending rehearsal or a meeting which is going nowhere are common frustrations that go on behind the scenes. Clubs and groups make up a variety of different school happenings and the people involved put a lot of extra time and ideas into making them work.

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Everything seems to cost money and organizations need money to do activities. Fund raisers vary from candy and bake sales to car washes. This money allows the club to do activities that they wouldn't be able to do, making clubs more fun and interesting.

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"It's got to be done by tomorrow and that's final." This could be very difficult when you haven't even begun. Being on time is a characteristic that helps us to be more organized. "Deadlines" is the word that seems to put us in gear. In the long run, meeting the deadline can postpone the pressure of it being late.

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While playing his instrument, Dan McCoy, junior, keeps his eyes on the music. The band is under the direction of Sue Williams.

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In thought, Mike Banham, junior, looks over a newspaper dummy sheet. Banham has been on staff for two years. During that time, **The Mirror** has received national awards.

Constructing their float, the juniors share a special Homecoming moment. Making floats was done by clubs, such as Quest and class members.

Chess Club — Front Row: Jerry Miller, Tom Spirids, Brent Zinkovich, Nick Hallias **Back Row:** Lyle Stoelting, sponsor, Ron Eich, Mike Lesniak, William McBrayer

Sunshine Society — Front Row: Lisa Lindborg, Pam Pittman, Trinette Thames, Grace Bovard, sponsor **Back Row:** Tammy Young, Sandy Grogloth, Tracy Meyer, Susie Talevski, Kristine Doherty, Jill Jelinek

FHA — Front Row: Tricia Hummel, Stephanie Meyer, Camille Kearby, Dawn Belinski, Sandy Rising **Second Row:** Krystina Macyszak, Donna Meus, Lisa Wood, Tony Breault, Norma Jones, Carol Vonllehren, sponsor

Experience perfect moments

"Are you going to the dance?"

"No, nobody ever goes."

This is the attitude that many students have about informal dances.

Over the year, attendance at informal dances has dropped so much that some of the dances had to be cancelled.

However, there has been some exceptions. The "Back to School Bash" was a big success. It was outside by the concession stand near the football field.

The dance included other schools from the surrounding area, such as Lake Central, Hobart and Andrean. "There was more people there than I thought and surprisingly I had a good time," said Raeanne Renner, senior.

Another informal dance that attracted a large crowd was the Halloween Dance sponsored by the Quest Club.

Many students attended this dance because it was a chance to dress up in costumes.

Tami Peters, senior, stated, "A group of my friends all went to the dance together, and we really had a lot of fun."

However, the formal dances, such as Homecoming, Turnabout, and the Valentine's Dance, were a huge success.

Student Council sponsored the Homecoming Dance, "Let the Good Times Roll."

The Valentine's Dance was postponed because of snow, but the rescheduled date still drew a large crowd. The theme of the dance was "Love is All You Need."

But, the Turnabout Dance had a larger crowd than it ever had. Some people felt that it took away from the dance.

"I had to wait in line for almost an hour to get my picture taken because the line was so long. I think that there should have been two photographers," said Missy Gayda, senior.

All in all, dances were enjoyed by those who went whether they were formal or informal.

by HEATHER KIRK

Everyone lets twist. Dancing are Jennifer Yagelsky, sophomore, and her father "Tropical Paradise" was the theme for "Daddy Date Night."

After dancing the night away, students take a break with their mothers to get a drink. There was a very small turn out at the first "Mommy Date Night."

Due to the cancellation of the Valentine's dance a "Sweetheart Dance" was sponsored. Posing for an informal picture is Sue Bounnharaj, Cindy Vandermolen, Heather Kirk, seniors, and their guests.

Practice makes perfect

Talent, creativity and determination are displayed by students in performing arts groups.

The fall play, "Up The Down Staircase," was performed by the sophomores and juniors on Nov. 20 and 21.

In preparation for the play, rehersals were Mondays thru Thursdays for six weeks. Each day, rehearsals lasted for about three hours, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Director Bruce Woods, stated, "We had some problems with not enough people trying out and showing up for rehearsals. In the end, it all worked out."

Many parts were filled weeks before, while some were only filled days before the performance.

Joe Darnell, sophomore, stated, "I got my part only three days before the play because the kid that had this part before quit."

Set construction was on 12 different days because many students that had signed up to be on the committee did not show up. Most of the scenery was built by a 1986 graduate.

"I tried out for the play because I like the enjoyment of seeing the play finally put together and knowing all of the hard work some of us went through paid off," exclaimed Debbie Hofferber, junior.

Other groups that practiced for hours included the musical department.

"I've been in orchestra since fifth grade, and I plan on staying in it until I graduate. It's a fun class," Theresa Harper, junior, stated.

"Since orchestra is a class, we don't have many after school rehearsals, which is easier than extra rehearsals," stated Julie Riese senior.

Some students participate in it because they would like to be professional musicians.

"Orchestra is great, and I really enjoy playing the violin. It has helped me a lot with my ambition to play in a symphony," exclaimed Becky Rogers, junior.

Band also practiced for many long hours.

"We practice 3 to 4:30 p.m. after school. In the summer, we practice for the July 4 parade for a week, and then in August we practice every week day," stated Matt Stefankiewicz, junior.

"It's really fun because by playing, we can cheer the football and basketball teams on," stated Jennifer Purdie, senior.

Some students join performing groups because their older brothers or sisters had been in them.

John Kawalski, junior, said, "I joined band because my sister had been in it."

Sophomore Randy Parpart's two older brothers had been in choir, and he's following in their footsteps.

Dawn Nack, junior, a member of concert choir, stated that they practice during class and have seven rehersals before performing.

Kevin Smith, a junior member of Vocalteens, said, "We also practice during class and every Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m."

Vocalteens perform often for social and church organizations.

All groups put a lot of time into learning, rehearsing and improving their sounds and performances.

by SUSAN LYTLE

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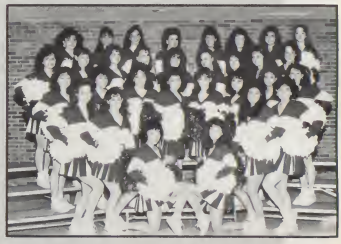
Before the show, Jenny Erfurth, junior, gets all prepared to go on stage. All sorts of preparation is taken before the curtains open.

Enthralling the half time crowd at a basketball game with another great performance is the pom-pon squad. They practiced eight hours a week in order to perfect their routines.

At a Revue rehearsal, Sue Williams, band director, directs the band. Jazz Band performed in the Revue on Feb. 19 and 20.

Flag Corps — Front Row: Becky Drennan, Lisa Sponel. **Second Row:** Pam Lepley. **Third Row:** Connie Jandura, Brigette Dervish, Jennifer Purdie, Vanessa Runion. **Back Row:** Lisa Lindborg, Virginia Nawracki, Con Shapkaroff.

Drama Club — Front Row: Jill Wilkerson, Lisa Sponel, Patty Zolandz, Pam Leply, Silvana Sulik. **Second Row:** Danielle Carlisle, Heather Peters, Joy Bindy, Sue Lytle, Suzie Tam. **Third Row:** Allison Hawkins, Heather Bell, Pam Pittman, Sherry Guernsey, Dana Gildersleeve, Kim Sulikowski. **Back Row:** Joe Morrow, sponsor, Megan McDermott, Jim Spencer, Keith Napper, Kevin Smith.



Pom Pons — Front Row: Soko Kokubo, Krissy Trakas. **Second Row:** Linda Shesta, Lara Buck, Evette Santiago, Cathy Marks. **Third Row:** Tracey Bogola, Donna Favretto, Kelly Kovacevic, Angela Rosas, Jenny Hamilton, Tammie Nuzzo, Carolyn Clark, Julie LaCosse. **Fourth Row:** Tammy Arena, Chaundra Reno, Jennifer Demure, Nada Todorovich, Shana Lieber, Joy Bindy, Jenny Trivette, Micky Goodrich, Dane Hebert. **Back Row:** Claudia Trafaganta, Stacey Moke, Tammie Picard, Michelle Owen, Brenda Wiser, Donna Lewis, Angel Martin, Jessica Bolzo.

What every club thirsts for

Fund raisers — we're all aware of almost every single one that goes on.

The purpose? To raise money of course! But for what, we're never really sure.

Certain athletic activities have sponsored fund raisers to cover the cost of new uniforms.

Mark Rosenbaum, a junior wrestler, commented, "We asked people to sponsor us at a minimum of one cent a takedown. If we completed a maximum of 200 takedowns, we earned $2 from that person. The money was put toward new wrestling uniforms."

Other clubs, such as Student Council, raise charity money. Jeff Galka, a sophomore Student Council member, stated, "We raise money for charity a lot of the time by holding contests, sponsoring dances and raffles."

The pom-pons have sold various items to raise money. Cathy Marks, senior, stated, "Last year we sold suntan lotion to raise money for new uniforms. This year our fund raiser was selling M & M's."

Clubs sponsor a variety of fund raisers that they hope students will enjoy. Because if they are successful, they'll be able to purchase what they need or donate to charity.

by AMY PETRITES

Dancing the night away was the top priority at "Daddy Date Night." Mikki Dudak, senior, and her father enjoy a special evening together.

Fund raising. Cindy Hydinger, senior, buys a lollipop for the Jerry Bratcher Fund. Students helped defray the costs of the high medical expenses for the science teacher.

Carefully aiming so as not to miss her target, Debbie Galka, senior, lets a pie fly during the "pie in the face" contest. Frank O'Shea, dean of students, was one of the four lucky faculty winners voted by the students to be a participant in the contest.

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As representatives of the 1988 Senior Class, Lisa Bernstein, Cindy Hydinger, and Judi Edgerton attempt to sell graduation centerpieces in hopes of raising money. Linda Davis, guidance counselor, helped organize the Senior Class for this fund raiser.

After another sale, Pat Mulloy, government teacher, waits for Tom McCoy, senior to fill out his raffle ticket. Parents, students and faculty members sold raffle tickets to help raise money for the Jerry Bratcher Fund. Money was raised to assist with his high medical costs.

Feeling good about yourself

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Handicapped students always have a few more problems dealing with high school life. Tracy Celms, sophomore, experiences what it is like to be mute, while Michelle Gawrysiok, senior, pretends to be blind during an activity in Quest.

Peer Pressure, what is it?

People often think it is just pressure among friends.

Not true.

In school, students have pressures from parents, teachers and themselves. Students are trying hard to do their best with grades even they have a lot of pressures.

Monica Bardeson, senior, said, "Teachers and parents expect a lot out of the students (more than they can handle.)"

Teachers and parents often see that students could do better than what they actually do.

Students often wonder why parents are so strict with their children when they aren't keeping up.

Parents always seem to know when students can do better.

Jodi Paul, sophomore, said, "Parents want their children to be the best they can be and to accomplish things their parents didn't in school."

In most cases, parents want their kids to do differently then what they did.

Kristina Kostur, senior, said, "We had discussions about peer pressure in Quest Club. It helped most students realize that peer pressure can only affect you if you let it."

Friends tend to play an important role in the lives of teenagers. They tend to pressure them into doing things they don't want to do. A lot of people may believe in one thing or another just because their friends are doing it.

SADD is a club about friends letting their friends drive drunk. Linda Shesto, senior, said, "As being president of the SADD Club, we try to convince people that you shouldn't let your peers pressure you into driving drunk."

Peer pressure also tends to affect student's school work and anything else they do.

Denice Hernandez, junior, said, "You can't do your best in school because you worry about everybody else thinks of you."

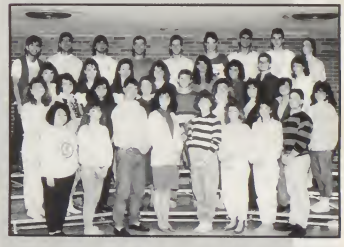
by KORRI FREKOT

A prize in mind, Paula Consdorf, SADD sponsor, Susie Tam, junior, Sue Dankanich and Dana Gildersleeve, seniors, discuss their raffle with the manager of Aladdin's Castle in Southlake Mall. The SADD chapter sponsored a raffle for students attending Prom.

Best friends have a way of influencing each other. Ricky Bustos, junior, and Mike Otano, senior, have maintained a close friendship even though Otano graduated at mid-term.

Quest Club — Front Row: Chuan Staver, Pam Pittman, Jill Wikerson, Jody Brady, Susie Tam, Linda Shesta. **Second Row:** Rachel Marcechen, Maureen McDougall, Tricia Kraynak, Tami Murray, Colette Boswell, Margaret Webber. **Back Row:** Margaret Stiles, sponsor, Mike Johnson, Carl Cashman, Jim Spencer, Eric Vale, Jerry Kasarda, sponsor

SADD — Front Row: Susan Dankanich, Dana Gildersleeve, Susie Tam, Linda Shesta, Joy Brady. **Back Row:** Lisa Bernstein, Liz Gerlach, Allison Hawkins, Heather Bell, Anthony Eleftheri, Paula Considorf, sponsor



Student Council — Front Row: Susie Tam, Michelle Dudek, Mike Hemnger, Lisa Bernstein, Debbie Gaika, Kerrie Evanya, Melanie Book, Eric Milsalvich. **Second Row:** Tracey Phillips, Jenny Sue Hill, Dana Madelin, Becky Zawacki, Mike Lind, Rae Anne Renner, Ann Mastouss, Tracy Wikse, Lisa Marovich. **Third Row:** Sharon Smith, Nada Todorovich, Linda Shesta, Jennifer DeMure, Cara Carrabine, Heather Kirk, Randy Parpart, Karen Gill. **Back Row:** Chuck Lopez, Mike Vela, Mike Belmonte, Mike Naspinski, Jeff Gaika, Scott Moore, Pete Santiago, Jeff Layman, Shawn Bowden

Power to make a difference

What does it actually take to be a leader?

It can be somebody who is a president of a club or even a captain of a team.

Most importantly, it is a student who can influence students to willingly take part in certain activities.

Over the summer, Tom Hebert, assistant principal, conducted a leadership program for junior and senior students that possessed the qualifications of a leader.

There were two workshops, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. This gave those who worked or hard practice a chance to attend.

Krissy Trakas, senior, stated, "In the workshop, we split into groups and each group identified what they thought was a problem in the school. The groups then got together to try and solve them,"

There was also a workshop for incoming sophomores. Some of the seniors from the other leadership program got to be counselors for the day.

"During the workshop, Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, principal, and Mr. Herbert left the room, and the sophomores got a chance to talk to us and find out what the high school was like from a student's point of view," said Cara Carrabine, senior.

After the summer ended and school had started, students that had been nominated in the spring for an officer of a club had a chance to prove their leadership. Usually, officers took charge of projects, such as Homecoming, dances and food drives.

"Building a float is a big responsibility for the class officers. You have to try and find people that will help you. Also, you have to get all of the supplies as well as find a place to work on it," explained Mike Vela, Junior Class vice president.

But, just as presidents are important to clubs, so are captains to teams.

The captain is usually a member of the team with the most experience, and somebody that the other members can count on.

"I did my best to help the underclassmen, and I tried not to yell at them. Louie Lopez and I led calistenics, and after each practice, we would try to motivate the team for the games," said Phil Micheal, senior football co-captain.

"The football coaches said we should be leaders on and off the field," he added.

by HEATHER KIRK

Good morning Promoting her leadership skills, Debbie Golko, senior, reads the morning announcements to students Announcements are read every morning so that students are well informed of events

Teacher for a day Reading to her students, Jennifer Demure, junior, plays "teacher" The FEA students went to different schools to teach the elementary children

Student Council members Robyn Lado, sophomore, Jill Smith, senior, Camille Jimenez, sophomore, and Wendy Phillips, sophomore, present a balloon to a hospital nurse The Student Council sends balloons to the younger students who are hospitalized

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Key Club — Front Row: Tracey Philips, Kerr Prekot, Tammy Jostes, Mary Elliott. **Second Row:** Heidi Basile, Renee Vermilion, Kathy Kerlus, Traquel Villareal, Cindy Paul, Tina Gibaldi. **Back Row:** Wendy Philips, Penny Schwandt, Emma Kepplinger, Patty Sikkenga, Michelle Musser, Amy Santeramo.

Honor Society — Front Row: Cindy Hydinger, Lisa Bernstein, Cara Carabine, Drew Kurunesis sponsor. **Second Row:** Lisa Sponey, Linda Shesto, Charie Zembelis, Jennifer Toma, Melanie Baak. **Third Row:** Pam Lepley, Lara Buck, Dorothy Kapatan, Leslie Osaba, Nick D'Aetis, Becky Drennan. **Back Row:** Susan Dankanich, Colleen Collins, Tony Peters, Tony Aunchi, Bill Zakos, Jeff Miller, Tim Kaurich.

FEA — Front Row: Tammie Nuzzo, Jennifer DeMure, Debbie Galka. **Second Row:** Jan O'Shea sponsor, Joy Brady, Margaret Weber, Kathy Marks. **Back Row:** Phil Sopczak, Jill Jennex, Julie Stauffer, Patricia Zolondz.

Patiently explaining a new activity to the Key Club are President Tammy Jostes, senior, and Vice President Mary Elliott, junior. The Key Club is a community service organization sponsored by the Merri-Glen Kiwanis Club.

Quality matters in business

What does it mean to turn 21?

To the Office Education Association it means 21 years of teaching many students important office skills to prepare them for the business world.

Although OEA has been around for 21 years, it has been at MHS for five years. This year OEA consists of 11 students and the coordinator is Judy LeDuc.

On Saturday, Feb. 6, the first district OEA contest was at Crown Point High School. All OEA students from MHS were entered into at least two contests.

Unfortunately, only four girls placed for the State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. They were Shar Freeman, Mechelle Jones, Dianna Page and Cindy Vandermolen, seniors.

The four girls went down state March 11-13. "What seemed to be a long wait, came sooner then I expected!" stated Dianna Page, senior.

The girls stayed at the Hyatt Regency and both nights a dance was given in the ballroom for all the OEA students that made it to state.

All tests were on Friday and Saturday. Freemen, Jones and Vandermolen competed in the Computer Aided Graphics contest, and Page competed in the Information Processing Specialist One.

Awards were handed out on Sunday morning. Unfortunately, no one from MHS placed for Nationals. "The test was very difficult, but we tried our best," said Freeman.

"Even though we didn't win at state at least we made it there and had fun trying. At was a weekend I'll never forget. We met a lot of people and learned many things," explained Jones.

by CINDY VANDERMOLEN

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If you inadvertantly leave a pencil at home, the MHS Bookstore is open before and after school and during lunch hours. Sean McHugh, senior, makes a purchase from Dawn Maloney, senior.

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Employed as a secretary at Pickart Insurance as part of the COE program is Karen Larson, senior. The COE students attend school for a half day and then work for the other half.

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In the HERO classroom, Norma Jones, senior, reads a magazine, HERO was a course which allowed students to attend school half a day and work in a home economics business in the afternoons.

COE — Front Row: Kim Miles, Char Freeman, Raquel Ivas, Dalonne Grubbs **Second Row:** Judy LeDuc, sponsor, Kris Daigle, Cindy Vandermolen, Michelle Jones, Dianna Page **Back Row:** Lori Brynn, Nikki Fitzus, Karen Larson

Bookstore — Dawn Maloney, Debbie Cairn

HERO — Front Row: Silvana Sulli, Michelle Grawrysak, Tamara Murray, Patti Tubbs, Ann Biancardi **Back Row:** Carol VonBehren, sponsor, Melinda Napalowski, Kerri Ralph, Tracy Huddleston, Jim Spencer, Margaret Stallings, sponsor

There's a new feeling

The band, choir and orchestra were busy groups. In addition to performing for the school, each group also participated in contests, benefits and festivals.

The band not only performed for home football and basketball games, but other school functions as well. These included an all-school program, Horatio Alger Day, the Revue, assemblies, pep-sessions and Band-O-Rama.

Performances outside of school ranged from parades, such as Homecoming and Fourth of July, to appearances at Butler University and Holiday Star Theater.

Becky Drennan, senior stated, "I have really enjoyed being in band. Although it is a lot of hard work, I've made many friends and learned more about music than I ever thought I would. It was definitely worth it."

The choir's itinerary included choral festivals, concerts and engagements.

Vocalteens performed for clubs, nursing homes, children's centers and business dinners. During April, Vocalteens traveled to Indianapolis to perform.

Annual performances by the choir included a winter and spring concert and singing carols during the holidays at Southlake Mall.

"Choir for some people may not be too impressive," stated Silvana Sulli, "but it is. It's a fun class with a lot of dancing, singing and performing in school and out of school."

Orchestra played in several concerts throughout the year, including the annual Pops Concert in the fall. Other annual events included participation in district and state competitions and performing before the choir's Christmas concert.

Also, the orchestra collaborated with the choir festival for the second year in a row.

"I like being in orchestra because not many people can play the violin, so I like to be able to something others can't," stated Tom Brooks, senior.

For the first time, the band, orchestra and choir participated in an All-School Concert honoring the U.S. Constitution. The theme was "This is My Country," and students from all grade levels in Merrillville schools sang.

by LARA BUCK

Drum major Dee Dee Cortez, senior, directs the band during a performance of "Winner's Circle." Also performing in the back are the Flag Corps and pom-pons.

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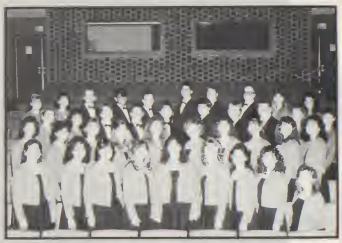
At a band performance, Russ Madson, junior, plays the tympani. The band performs an average of 30 times per year.

Members of the choir perform at the annual Christmas Concert. Jerry Reinhart has directed the MHS choir for 34 years.

Orchestra — Front Row: Sharlene Plomaritis, Chuan Stover, Nicole LaPlant, Valerie Riddle, Ming Tsai, Tracy Meyer, Cindi Brown. **Second Row:** Chris Cogley, Kristin Erdelac, Becky Rogers, Julie Reese, Kelly Freeman, Alison Hawkins. **Back Row:** Buddy Pearson, Jerry Starcevic, Tom Brooks, Keith Nipper, Dan Plomaritis

Vocalteens — Front Row: Heather Peters, Kelly Gilfillan, Jenny Erfurth, Colette Boswell. **Second Row:** Scott Martin, Kevin Smith, Ray Parpart, Keith Nipper. **Third Row:** Randy Parpart, Kelly Jones, Silvana Sulli, Patty Zolondz, Leslie Eitch. **Back Row:** Tim McIvenna, Tom Lopez, Mike Lahse, Kevin Banashak

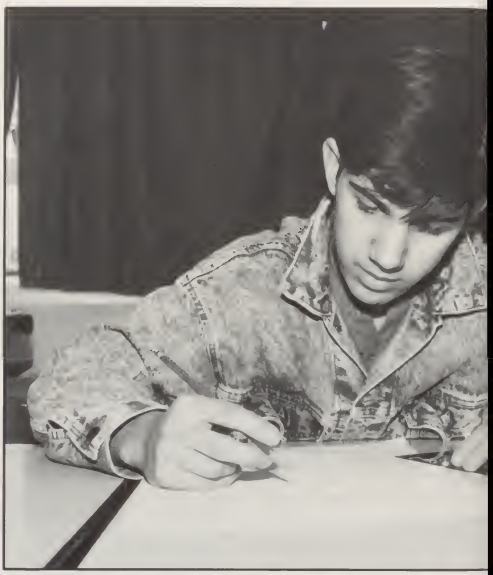


Concert Choir — Front Row: Kelly Gilfillan, Pam Pittman, Karen Moore, Heather Peters, Stacey Curtis, Cheryl Cozmanaff, Ann Blancarda, Tracy Bogolia, Jill Wilkerson. **Second Row:** Kelly Jones, Melinda Napolowski, Debbie Helms, Nikki Phillips, Michelle Thelen, Jennifer Creech, Nikki Phillips, Stacey Moke, Colette Boswell, Silvana Sulli. **Third Row:** Carrie McBrayer, Jenny Erfurth, Scott Martin, Dave Underwood, Kevin Smith, Mike Lahse, Keith Nipper, Tim McIvenna, Stacey Bartner, Stacey Thomas. **Back Row:** Patty Zolondz, Leslie Eitch, Randy Parpart, Tom Lopez, Roy Parpart, Pete Santiago, Kevin Banashak, Carl Cashman, Heidi Mikulka, Melisa Best

Quill And Scroll — Front Row: Squeaky Dubowski, Cindy Hydinger, Sue Bounnharaj, Jay Bridy. **Second Row:** Heather Kirk, Lara Buck, Michelle Musser, Debbie Galka. **Third Row:** Linda Burns, Shannon O'Brien, Tracy Wilkse, Carolyn Zygmunt, Lori Tubbs, Sheryl Krmpotich. **Back Row:** Krista Lewin, Rich Paige, Mike Banham, Tony Aznar, Colleen Collins.

Yearbook Staff — Front Row: Michelle Dudak, Cindi Geeze, Sue Bounnharaj, Tammy Tabor, Lisa Herbert. **Second Row:** Cindy Hydinger, Heather Kirk, Lori Tubbs, Michelle Musser, Jay Bridy, Sue Lytle. **Third Row:** Cindy Vandermolen, Missy Gayda, Lara Buck, Amy Pelfrey, Kathy Clements, Sheryl Krmpotich. **Back Row:** Karl Frakar, Tom Brooks, Tony Aznar, Colleen Collins, Kristina Kastur, Mike Feterick.

Newspaper Staff — Front Row: Cindi Geeze, Rodney Kaser, Squeaky Dubowski. **Second Row:** Robyn Loda, Tracy Wilkse, Debbie Galka, Linda Burns. **Third Row:** Krista Lewin, Shannon O'Brien, Cori Shackaraff, Carolyn Zygmunt. **Back Row:** Mike Banham, Rich Paige, Mike Vela, Marc Schrenker.



Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook, Colleen Collins, senior, works hard to organize the staff. Even when surrounded by confusion, deadlines are a crucial part of the yearbook's organization.

As Editors of the Senior Section of the yearbook, Cindy Vandermolen and Lara Buck, seniors, concentrate on alphabetizing pictures. Use of the computers is helpful in organizing much of the yearbook.

Never settle for less

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Deadlines — the yearbook and newspaper staffs are in constant awareness of them. One's whole job rests on the fact of whether or not their deadline will be met.

Many people don't realize how crucial it is that every member of the staff meet their deadline.

Sometimes, if one person doesn't hand in an assignment on time, it could throw the whole newspaper or yearbook off schedule.

Carolyn Zygmunt, senior, stated, "If someone misses a deadline in newspaper, it means that our paper won't come out on time."

On both staffs, missing a deadline means a blue sheet. A blue sheet is a notice that is given to the person who failed to hand in their work, not only to warn them, but also to keep the editor informed of the incident.

Three blue sheets means one drop in letter grade, which is definitely something many people can't afford.

There is a definite purpose for deadlines though. Rod Kaser, senior, stated, "Without deadlines there would be no organization or order."

by AMY PETRITES

When not editing the sports section, Mike Banham, junior, designs a layout for the newspaper. The **Mirror** is published bi-weekly an staffers participate in all aspects of its production.

In the yearbook darkroom, Mike Feterick, junior, uses the photo enlarger. All the photographers take and develop their own pictures for yearbook and newspaper.

Bounnharaj

Every step of the way

It's always there — competition. Without it, life would almost be boring.

Many organizations and clubs compete in different contests. These are not physical contests. But mostly mental thoughts of the brain are used.

Coaches for these academic clubs look out for students that have the potential to make logical decisions.

Such organizations and clubs include the Chess Club, Academic Decathalon team, Spellbowl, Superbowl and many others.

The Academic Decathlon team again tried to shoot for a state title but finished in 12th place out of 85 teams.

Susan Dankanich, senior, and two-year member of the team, stated, "The super quiz questions were extremely hard. A lot of the questions seemed to be really off the wall type of questions."

Other students commend their classmates for having the time and patience to understand and learn many different subjects. "They always seem to gain more knowledge," said Diane Rouhselang, senior.

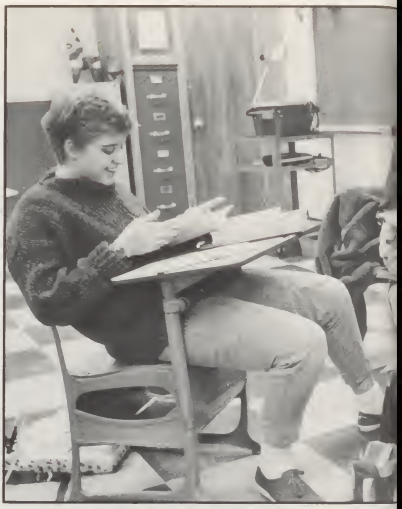
The Academic Decathlon team has twice been National representatives from Indiana. In all five years of existence, MHS has gone to state finals. They also won regionals two times out of three. All team members have won at least one individual honor in the last five years.

"All of American society is based upon competition and academic competition in school can be preparation for life after school, life in the business world, etc," stated Jim Edgcomb, Academic Decathlon coach.

The Chess Club qualified and participated in state. Tom Spiridis, senior, said, "This year there was a lot of pressure toward me because I was the only senior on the team. In addition, I used my best strategy ever."

Overall, competition builds character in a person, especially when that person brings home an award.

by CINDY VANDERMOLEN, KRISTA LEWIN



Discussing the finer points of team competition, the Superbowl team meets to test their knowledge. Members Kevin Smith, junior, Patty Zolondz and Lisa Bernstein, seniors, listen to the helpful advice of Evelyn Steiner, foreign language teacher and Superbowl coach.

A good listening ear is all it takes to gain valuable information concerning leadership. Jim Vermillion, physics teacher, helped instruct the Academic Decathlon team about the laws of physics.

Planning their game strategies, the chess team, coached by Lyle Stoelting, social studies teacher, practices diligently. The team went to Pendleton Heights to compete in state competition.

Academic Decathlon — Front Row: Bridget Dervish, Cindy Hydinger, Mike Lind, Ming Tsai. **Second Row:** Jeff Miller, Patty Zalondz, Marka Igiendza. **Back Row:** Susan Dankanich, Amanda Gearhart, Ron Eich.

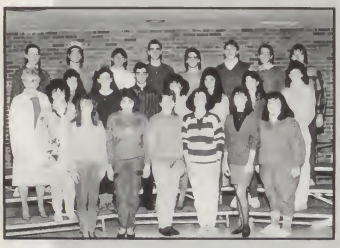
Speilbowl — Front Row: James Schoeffer, Henry Hong, Tina Gibota, Ming Tsai. **Back Row:** Andrew Luttnen, Joseph West, Michael Vesich, Evelyn Steiner, sponsor.

JETS — Front Row: Bob Whitaker, Charles Zembitas, Ming Tsai, Mike Lind, Jason Sedio. **Back Row:** Jim Vermilion, sponsor, Tim Kaunch, Tom Adams, Lisa Bernstein, Mike Lesniak, Anthony Eleftheri, Bob Wash.

A new experience

French Club — Front Row: Irene Spiro, sponsor, Alicia Feltmy, Susie Tam, Joy Brady, Linda Shesto, Lisa Bernstein, Raquel Villarreal, Jodi Paul. **Second Row:** Karen Pachop, Branka Stevanovic, Heather Hopper, Nicole Plant, Lara Buck, Vicki D'Asto, Cathy Marks, Sue Lytle. **Third Row:** Monica Gard, Veronica Pearcey, Sue Manojlovic, Kerne Evanjo, Dana Gelderslieve, Jaka Dukic, Bridget Dervish, Suzanne Reder. **Back Row:** Craig Locke, Dan Ilievski, Peter Kastur, Chris Meyer, Susan Dankanich, Amanda Gearhart, Kim Sutkowski, Michele Thiele

German Club — Front Row: Bridget Dervish, Bob Whitaker, John Seide, Maureen McDougall, Veronica Johnson, Heather Peters. **Back Row:** Rachel Mareachen, Amanda Gearhart, Joe West, Mike Lind, Carrie Scoville, Sue Elks, Ray Hamilton, sponsor



Spanish Club — Front Row: Jennifer Toma, Maxine Rigby, Stacy Pasaloukos, Slavica Koroskoska, Tina Gibbota, Amy Santeramo. **Second Row:** Freda Kourtess, Mary Jeffries, sponsor, Tracey Philips, Kristin Toma, Charlie Zembillas, Michelle Moskowitz, Evette Santiago, Tammy Jostes, Karen Gill. **Back Row:** Kurt Lash, Jeff Miller, Dave Mallory, Rob Schultz, Tim Kaurich, Bob Winovich, Harry Zembillas, Andy Luthnen

Students from different parts of the world participate in the International Exchange Program. In this program, students can come to America to learn our cultures and come to school.

Three exchange students attended MHS. They were Martina Molina from Spain, Suzanne Rieder from Sweden, and Soko Kokubo from Japan.

Molina said, "In Spain, high school is not compulsory. After elementary school, there is a vocational school and high school is for those going to college."

She also stated high school is harder, and she needs to study more for the essay tests. They also do not change classes.

"We have more different sports and activities in Spain than here," stated Molina.

Rieder stated, "Sweden's educational system is really different. We take a certain test and those who pass can go on to advanced school, while those who fail go to a low brain school or get a trade."

Rieder has been taking French for about five years and is at about the same level as MHS fourth year French students. She spoke to Irene Spiro's third year French class about French-speaking Sweden.

"It was a very nice experience to live in America for a year and learn the different customs and to learn English," exclaimed Molina.

by SUSAN LYTLE

Enjoying her year at MHS, Susan Reider, senior exchange student from Switzerland, listens to class discussion. Exchange students often find that Merrillville is an exciting place, despite what we may think.

Photos/Bounnaraj

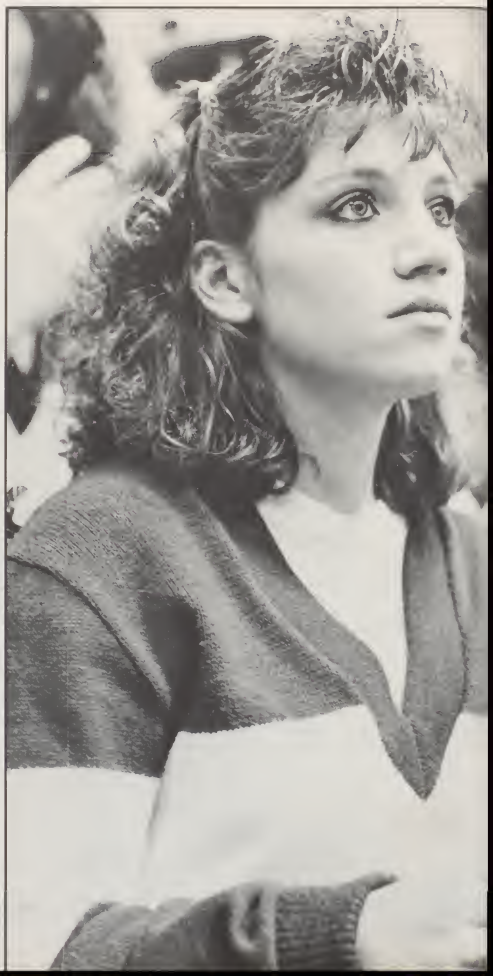
In Spanish class, Tom Navarro, Wilfredo Rivera and Chirs Yagelski, sophomores, gather in a group to study. Students learned the language and culture of other countries while exchange students learned about America.

Explaining the essentials of her French class to parents at Open House is Irene Spiro, French teacher. Students leave foreign language with a well-rounded education of both the language and the culture of the country.

Jazz Band — Front Row: Eric Conchola, Russ Madson, Matt Stefaniekewicz, Karen Kruzan, Lisa Linborg, Bridget Dervsh **Second Row:** Steve Brandon, Carrie Scoville, Allison Kaiser, Karen Smith, Karen Miller, Joel Mick, Ed Yerga **Third Row:** Eric Valis, Danielle Carlisle, Stan Zolondz, Bob Walsh, Sean Clemenz, Tom McCoy, Scott Reiner **Back Row:** Jeff Schieb, Andy Luttinen, Chris Castle, William McBrayer, Tony Thames, Allen Gill

Concert Band — Front Row: Vanessa Runion, Heidi Luedtke, Kim Bakker, Beth Peraoky, Cori Shaklarofft, Lisa Lindborg, Pam Lepley, Ellen Commons, Claudette Nix, Jennifer Purdie, Hilary Atwood **Second Row:** Kelly Kostyal, Jeff Ondrovich, Carrie Scoville, Allison Kaiser, Karen Smith John Kawalski, Karen Miler, Joel Mick, Ed Yerga, Kim Zarr **Third Row:** Jill Jelinek, Michelle Cochran, Becky Drennan, Kristine Doherty, Donna Meus, Darcie Baehler Virginia Nawracki, Patti Sanger, Denise Meeks, Alicia Felitmy **Back Row:** Connie Jandura, Bob Davidson, Tammy Arena, Sandy Grogoth, Sam Orlich, Stephanie Meyer, Lisa Sponel, Christine Woldt, Lori Johnson, Bridget Dervsh

Concert Band — Front Row: Eric Conchola, Russ Madson Karen Kruzan, Matt Stefaniekewicz Bill Celona Scott Bell, Bil Vossos **Second Row:** Danielle Carlisle, James Huddleston Steve Brandon, Charles Kelly Jennifer Stevenson, Kim Runholdt, Jackie Howell, Jim Sullivan **Third Row:** Eric Valis Tony Thames, Allen Gill, William McBrayer, Chris Castle, Andy Luttinen, Jeff Schieb **Back Row:** Bill Banham, Scott Reiner, Stan Zolondz, Bob Walsh, Sean Clemenz Tom McCoy, Greg Harbrecht Mark Cuprinski Dan McCoy



Watching the basketball game intensely, Tracy Bogolka, sophomore, silently encourages the team. As a member of the pom-pon squad, she is familiar with the phrase, "Practice makes perfect."

Every step of the way

Practice.

How many times have you been told to practice by a parent or coach to practice?

Sport teams are not the only ones who practice. Band, choir, pom pons and cheerleaders need just as much practice as athletes.

Although these activities do not require good physical condition, except for pom pons and cheerleading, practice is needed to do the job right.

For instance, choir and band need an organized practice because of so many people performing together at one time. One little mistake by any member could result in a noticable "screw up."

Also, pom pons and cheerleaders need to be in good physical condition like athletes.

These girls are required to have gymnastic ability. This takes practice to achieve. With pom pons and cheerleading coordination is very important.

These students are viewed by everyone in the audience, and when one person "messes up," it is noticable.

Diane Hebert, junior, stated, "I used to practice the night before pom pon cuts for the game of the week."

With excessive practice good results come in return.

by MISSY GAYDA

Photos/Schrenker

As the band plays, the senior pom pons do their routine. The band accompanied the pom pons at halftime of all the home football game. The seven seniors practiced this routine in privacy so they could surprise the crowd.

Carefully listening to directions, the choir gets ready for a concert. The concert had a bicentennial theme and was filled with patriotic songs.

Going

Despite a few lost games and a coach who ended his career, the football team had a season of individual talent. They set new passing records, came just shy of breaking the school record for career receptions and were also highlighted with several all-conference players. Without a doubt, the Pirates worked hard throughout the year to bring the enthusiastic fans a season of excitement.

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In search for a better word, tradition is the only thing that comes to mind when thinking of gymnastics at MHS. During their victorious season, they brought much excitement backed by hard work contributed by each teammate. Their saying, "What the mind can conceive, the body will achieve," was indeed a true story for the team's performances.

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Facing tough track competition and being prepared, mentally and physically, the pirates were ready on "go." Field events added strength but were backed by hurdlers and success on the track as well. Improving times and repetitive practice brought together a respectable season.

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Just goofing around the tennis courts, Mike Lind, sophomore, Steve Shay, junior, James Ison, senior, and John Vedo, junior, show off their true talents. The boys' tennis team was composed of many underclassmen.

Bournelis

With all her concentration, Dawn Hebert, senior, tries to conquer the balance beam. The gymnastics team finished second at the state meet.

Precise shooting at the line by Mike Parker, junior, sinks the shot while teammates wait anxiously for the rebound. The Pirates beat Duneland Conference Chesterton, 52-38.

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ENTHUSIASM

Squad earns top honors

Cheerleading has become more than just cheering at a game once a week.

The cheerleaders have done numerous projects to create school spirit as well as practicing many hours.

"We worked hard at practice during the summer before camp. We won top squad last summer, and we wanted to win it again, said Cara Carabine, senior.

Not only did they win top squad again, but they also received the spirit megaphone for having the most outstanding spirit throughout the week.

"Camp really helped our squad. We learned a lot of new techniques and styles. It was a real honor to have one of the chairmen of the camp tell us that we were one of the first schools in Indiana to do a California style of cheering," stated Debbie Galka, senior.

The California style of cheering is used at most colleges and universities. This type of cheering can be seen at national competitions among cheerleaders.

After summer ended, the girls went to work trying to enhance school spirit.

On the night before games, the cheerleaders spent hours decorating the school. They hung signs in the hallways, decorated the lobby and painted the windows in the entrance of the school.

Galka added, "We wanted to inform those students that didn't know about the game, where it was and when."

She added, "But most importantly, we wanted to help fire up the teams."

by HEATHER KIRK

Football game spirit increased as the varsity cheerleaders rowdy up the crowd. The cheerleaders have shown enthusiasm in their cheers at all major sports events

Go! Fight! Win! That is what cheerleader Cara Carrabine, senior, shouts to the fans at a football game. Despite the football season, the cheerleaders managed to get the crowd involved

Photos/Schreiner

In suspense the cheerleaders await the results of a free throw. Even though the Pirates suffered a first round sectional loss, the cheerleaders promoted school spirit.

During a home boys' varsity basketball game, Karen Kruzan and Sue Bounnharaj, senior varsity cheerleaders, cheer on an excited crowd. Crowds at basketball games showed school spirit.

Varsity Cheerleaders — Front Row: Tina Hunt, Sue Bounnharaj **Second Row:** Jeppie Gaka, Melissa Best, Tina Pavlou, Ann Mestouus **Back Row:** Tara Carrabine, Karen Kruzan, Pam Hataja

JV Cheerleaders — Front Row: Cheryl Manattey, Selina Perry **Second Row:** Becky Zawacki, Diane Medelin **Back Row:** Robyn Lida, Karen Pochop, Liz Croakin, Anna Kepshire

Girls Basketball, Volleyball — Front Row: Sharon Smith, Amy Teeter, Jenny Erfurth **Back Row:** Tracey Philips, Gayle Anderson, Shannon Sampson, Heather Hopper

CLUTCH MOMENTS

"In most games, the toughest moment came when I was responsible for making key blocks."

— MIKE BELMONTE

FOOTBALL

Varsity Football

	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	14	21
Chesterton	0	3
Portage	12	7
M.C. Rogers	2	15
Valparaiso	7	13
Andreson	0	6
Hobart	14	24
LaPorte	6	14

Duty calls for fullback Mark Hidalgo, junior, and quarterback Mark Shayotovich, junior, as they break a hole for Steve Haller, senior. Unfortunately, the Pirates finished with a record of 2-7.

Concentration is the key to Mike Parker's success on the field. Parker, junior, received the MVP award and was voted captain for the 1988-89 year.

FILLED WITH EMOTION

Coach O'Shea resigns at season's end

Okay, the Pirate football crew lost some games and a coach, but all else remained the same.

Attendance was good, the games were thrilling and the popcorn tasted hot and salty.

"The defense played well every game," stated all-conference free safety Mike Depta, senior.

"Even though we held the opposition to 12.3 points per game, you can't expect many victories with a weak offensive attack," he added.

It's true. Although the offense was stacked with talent, it gave up many of the 12.3 points per game all by itself.

With such personalities as Todd Gill, Larry Espravnik, Louie Lopez and Phil Sopczack, seniors, the offense could not move the ball as well as anticipated.

Two juniors, Mark Shayotovich, quarterback, and Mike Parker, halfback, were new to starting positions. After gaining approval from Coach Frank O'Shea, they won approval from the fans as well.

While "Shay" Shayotovich set new passing records against Crown Point, Parker was busting open new holes and began what many believe will be an illustrious varsity football career.

On the D-side, whether it was Ted Pigott, senior cornerback, pulling down another interception, or Jeff Dian, senior strong safety, and Depta cracking more ribs, the Pirate defense was virtually unpenetrable.

Pigott led the team in interceptions and polished off a successful three year career as an MHS defensive back.

"I loved playing D-back. I had some great times on the Pirate team," said Pigott.

Airborn, Bob "Stu" Stewart once again racked up an impressive number of receptions at flanker.

"Stu came very close to breaking the school record for career receptions," remarked Depta. Every Pirate fan was surprised when "Stu" did not start.

After well into the season, Stewart got word he would not start.

However, Steve Haller, senior, and Jerry McCormack, junior, well made up for the other receptions.

Following the naming of the tenacious offensive and defensive lineman Lopez as "Mr. Football" and miscellaneous losses, the Pirates fell to the Andrean 59'ers in the filthiest, rainiest Homecoming MHS ever had.

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A desire to win brings the best out of Jeff Dian, senior. Dian was the key to the Pirates defense.

VARSITY FOOTBALL — Front Row: C. Zembillas, R. Bustos, F. Milisavievich, J. Rutz, M. M. Parker, T. Sakalieras, K. Davis, J. McCormack. **Second Row:** T. Grynovich, T. Kierzkowski, T. Lilley, F. Rasse, J. Kwiatz, L. Espravnik, P. Kambours, J. Berdine, J. Schneider. **Third Row:** J. Crane, T. Judge, J. Dian, F. Neal, T. Spinds, D. Stefanelli, G. Harbrecht, R. Perez, R. Louie. **Fourth Row:** R. Velovski, S. Besedick, T. Sadowski, M. Belmonte, S. Mynes, J. Minkes, J. Wristan, G. Stepp, R. Reinski, J. Philips. **Fifth Row:** M. Herringer, B. Trzaska, L. Summers, M. Depta, B. Stewart, M. Nazimski, P. Michael, R. Johnson, S. Reder, H. Hippe. **Sixth Row:** R. St. Myers, manager, M. Velez, K. Banashak, T. Black, M. Shayotovich, T. Pigott, M. Hidalgo, N. Radosa, D. Hacker, J. Josefarsky, J. Peyton, C. Beddome, manager. **Seventh Row:** E. Czarnecki, T. Gill, P. Sopczak, E. Feliciano, L. Lopez, M. Lash, S. Lash, S. Haller, D. Janiszewski, C. Castle, S. Gronowski, D. Sirie, manager. **Eighth Row:** Frank O'shea, coach, K. Wright, manager, Dennis Hamilton, Mike Krutz, Mike Chelowch, Tom Peiler, Joe Altha, Sherm Izsak, Jeff Yelton, coaches, H. Atwood, manager.

FILLED WITH EMOTION

Pirates defeat West Side in sectional play

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However, when sectionals rolled around, the Pirates defeated their first opponent, West Side, without a problem.

Depta stated, "The high point of the season must have been our victory over West Side. We were all on the ultimate legal high."

MHS then went into a rematch with the CP Bulldogs to attempt to break even with them after losing the first game of the season at CP. However, it once again rained on the Pirate's dreams.

Pigott said, "After the CP game, all the seniors and Coach O'Shea got together in the locker room. It's tough with it being our last year together and knowing that most of us would not be playing any more. Yeah, there were some tears in there."

"They never gave up. They stayed in every game and kept it close," said Coach O'Shea.

However, Coach O'Shea handed in his resignation after the season ended.

"Being the dean of students and receiving added responsibilities next year, the stress and pressure might be too much to continue coaching," sated Coach O'Shea.

"Answer me," asked Depta, "we lost some games, but did you get your money's worth?

Yeah, Mike we did.

by TONY AZNAR

In the midst of another loss, Frank O'Shea, coach, looks in dismay. This was but one loss in the Pirates disappointing 2-8 season.

With the ball being jarred from a Portage halfback, Mike Parker, junior, completes his tackle. Upon fumbling, Louie Lopez and Mike Depta, seniors, cracked the poor Indian.

JV Football — Front Row: T. Holloway, M. Gallegos, E. Pendasik, A. Righi, K. Jenkins, F. Mavroncles, D. Williams **Second Row:** D. Sapczak, C. Lopez, D. Herring, K. Loch, D. Porport, B. Hernandez, M. Gullen, S. Bayer **Third Row:** Cathy Beddome, manager, D. Brummet, J. Markle, E. Nelson, N. Radoja, T. Ashford, M. Fryer, J. Galka, H. Atwood, manager **Fourth Row:** E. Czarnecki, S. Sherwood, B. Shapley, P. Mayersk, P. Poviopoulos, D. Gillman, T. Paska, Frank O'Shea, coach, K. Wright, manager **Fifth Row:** D. Sine, manager, G. Oxley, A. Shultz, M. Galvan, S. Moore, C. Pallo, P. Santiago, R. St. Myers, manager **Back Row:** Dennis Hamilton, Mike Krutz, Mike Chelovich, Tom Peiler, Joe Atria, Jeff Yerton coaches

Photos/Schrenker

TALK IT UP

No Guts, No Glory

"Most of my friends were surprised, but my mother did not look at me for two days," exclaimed Bob Stewart, senior.

With a clip here and a buzz there, many members of the football team showed up to school with strange haircuts.

More than half the team members had the sides of their head shaved, but the catch was that one side was shaved with an "M" and the other with their number.

This came as a surprise to some people as well as the parents of the football players. Jeff Dian, senior, commented, "My mom cried, and my dad almost killed me. After a few days my dad began to like it, but my mom still gave me dirty looks."

Some students and parents asked this question: "Was it a dare or did you have a choice?"

"I thought it looked tough when I saw some of the players with it, so I decided to go ahead and try it," stated, Larry Espravnik, senior.

Frank O'Shea, coach, had a different view on the strange haircuts.

"I did not approve of it, but it is for the individual and the parent to make the decision."

But there were some players with second thoughts lingering in their minds. "I had many second doubts because if my girlfriend did not like it, then not many other girls would go out with me looking like that," explained Mike Naspinski, senior.

"Even though people laughed and thought it looked funny, most of the players would do it again. It will always grow back," concluded Luis Lopez, captain.

by SHERYL KRMPOTICH

Guts. This is just one of the words Phil Michael, captain, heard as he walked down the hallway. Most of the Pirates showed up to school with strange haircuts.

MAKING HISTORY

Golf teams compete in regionals

During the girls' golf season, history was in the making. The boys' season, however, was not as historic.

Nancy Nims, senior, shot a hole in one on the fifth hole against Marquette. She is the only female to do so in MHS history. Nims was also the only member to qualify for regionals.

Even though she didn't advance to state, Nims felt the season went well. "I feel my senior year was successful. I never went to regionals before. A score of 88 was needed to go to state. I shot a 95," Nims stated.

"I'm looking for additional girls to work very hard with the three returning girls next year," said Jim Vermillion, girls' golf coach.

Regardless to the team's record, Nikki Modrak, seniors, felt the team had a good time and a strong relationship.

"The girls on the team and I had an excellent friendship. I wouldn't have wanted it any other way," added Modrak.

The boys' season ended with a sectional championship.

The five varsity golfers had a season of 14-7, despite a rocky start. The team lost to Lake Central in the opening match.

Jeff Graystone, junior, said that losing the first match affected the team mentally.

"Losing the first match brought the team down in confidence for the next match. But we regained it during the season," said Graystone.

One of the biggest victories of the season was at the Rensselaer Invitational. The team placed fourth with Brandon Glatt and Jeff Graystone, juniors, tied for ninth place. Brandon shot a 37 on the front nine holes.

"The whole team did well on the front nine, but broke up on the back nine. Overall, we kept our concentration, and it paid off," stated Mike Pampalone, junior.

The season was full of its ups and downs. But the team definitely shared a very memorable moment according to Graystone.

"The funniest thing this year was watching Brandon Glatt and coach argue on the bus home from Valpo. A ball was shot and landed in a water hazard, but coach did not believe that the ball went in. Brandon played JV the next match."

by TAMMY TABOR

Strategies of golfing are used in each match by Brandon Glatt, junior. Golf take a great deal of concentration for each shot. The golf team for girls and boys competed in regionals.

Careful lining is needed to make a good shot. Nancy Nims, senior, concentrates hard to get her last shot in the hole. Nims is the first female to shoot a hole in one at MHS.

Photos/Sounnharaj

Boys' Golf: — Mark Cupinski, Scott Neis, Michael Pompalone, Jeff Graystone, Brandon Glott, Brydan Yeoman. Back Row: Max Hutchison, coach.

Girls' Golf — Front Row: Debbie Hofferber, Kim Shoback, Patti Tubbs. **Back Row:** Nancy Loscaro, Nancy Nims, Jim Vermilion, coach, Nikki Modrak, Lori Tubbs

Golf

Boys' Golf

	MHS	OPP
Lake Central	178	167
Hanover Central	178	214
Portage	164	177
Valparaiso	164	161
M.C. Elston	187	166
Hobart	170	210
LaPorte	179	171
Andrean	178	174
Hobart	170	207
Chesterton	170	182
Valparaiso	175	152
M.C. Rogers	169	173
LaPorte	169	172
Crown Point	171	179
Portage	172	180
Chesterton	172	182
Lowell	166	191
Highland	166	183
Crown Point	360	351
Griffith	166	180

Girls' Golf

	MHS	Opp
Munster	L	W
M.C. Marquette	L	W
Knox	W	L
Andreon	L	W
Hobart	W	L
Portage	L	W
E.C. Central	W	L
Lowell	W	L
Chesterton	W	L
Valparaiso	L	W
LaPorte	L	W
Crown Point	W	L
M.C. Rogers	L	W
M.C. Elston	L	W

CLUTCH MOMENTS

"Getting to regionals was my best memory. I got great pleasure defeating arch-rival Andrean, which was my second greatest moment."

— Nancy Nims

Preparing for a deep shot, Nancy Knezic, junior, returns the ball to her opponent. Knezic, a versatile player, played both singles and doubles throughout the season.

Good concentration helped James Ison, senior, perform to his ability. Ison received the MVP award.

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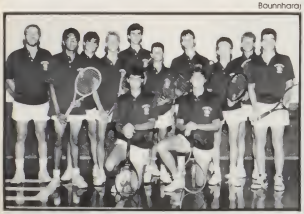
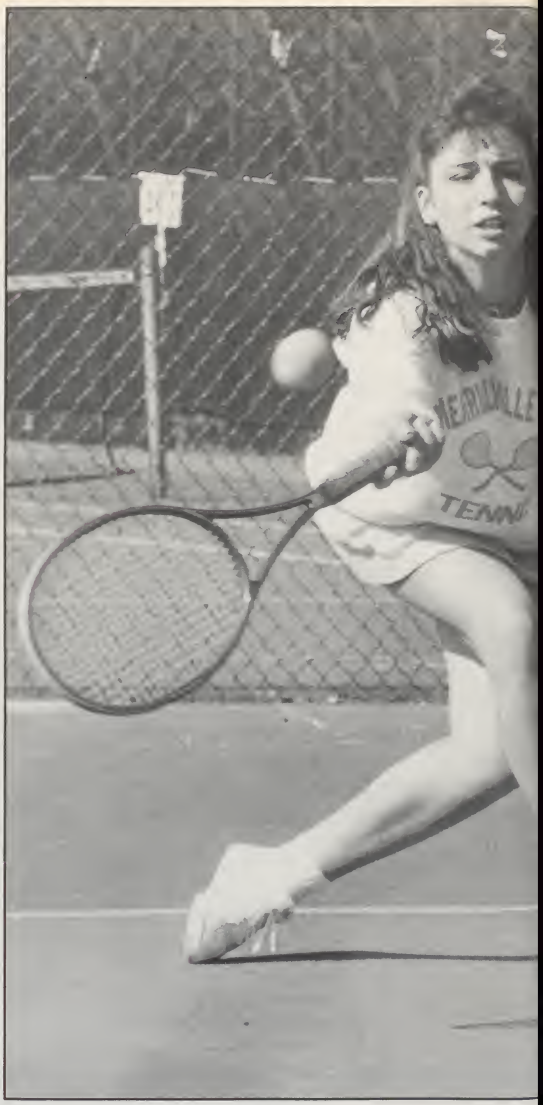


Boys' Tennis — Front Row: Ron Eich, James Ison. **Back Row:** Ted Springer, coach, Jeff Centanni, Steve Shay, John Vedo, Kevin Tomelunas, Mike Dinatale, Matt Mesarch, Mike Lind, Brydon Yeoman

Girls' Tennis — Front Row: Linda Kirk, Lisa Krol, Kerri Evanyo, Lara Buck, Sue Mazur, Maggie Talevski, Patty Skora, Heidi Basile. **Second Row:** Nikki Peters, Linda Shesto, Diane Hebert, Jaci Funder, Helen Vranakosi. **Third Row.** Jennifer Demure, Dara Todoravich, Stacy Moke, Susie Talevski, Tracy Wikse, Shawna Levinson, Gina Gatlin, Erika Anderson, Michelle Owens. **Back Row:** Frank Levinson, assistant coach, Susan Gobozas, Nancy Knezic, Michelle Santos, Shannon McGlaughlin, Dave Zimmerman, coach.



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THE WILL TO IMPROVE

Individuals accept intense pressure

Compiling losing seasons, one might ask, "What happened to the Pirate tennis team?"

Actually, they improved. With the sharp skills of Steve Shay, junior and James Ison, senior, the team made progress.

Why the sudden improvement?

"You've got to live it; you've got to want it, and you've got to be willing to work to get it," screamed Ted Springer, coach, during the hot practices in late summer. Coach Springer said he has accomplished something this time — the will to strive for excellence.

Look at the top two single players. With the number one spot position tilting back and forth between Shay and "Ice" Ison, one could tell that hard work was essential.

"I think my forehand kept me alive," commented Ison. "We all stuck together. We never fought with each other, and we did our best to please not only Coach Springer, our parents, and MHS, but ourselves," he added.

Ison's most difficult challenge was against Calumet. "It was the battle of 'Ice' Ison vs. Calumet's notorious Ron Emmig. It seemed endless as we pounded and drove the ball to a pulp in the humid air. Many times I thought I was out, but I held on and only lost by a hair in the greatest match of my life."

In girl's tennis, Tracy Wikse, senior, number one singles player, had a rocky season.

"My biggest achievement was probably learning to deal with the frustration that comes with playing number one for the team. You have to face the top player from every team, so there is always tough competition and pressure."

Under the leadership of Dave Zimmerman, coach, team work was evident. According to Susan Galoozis, senior, "The strengths of the team began with our coach. His dedication and enthusiasm rubbed off on the team. We made each match more of a team effort than just an individual effort."

She added, "I think that was a major difference in the outcome of our season."

Galoozis came back after a long illness and filled the second singles spot.

Doubles players worked hard, too. This was evident of the doubles partners, Michelle Santos and Christine Woldt, juniors. Together they connected to be a winning combination.

Failing to reach their goal, the girls' lost in the first round in sectionals to Lowell. Nancy Knezic, junior, said "The team improved at a moderate rate. Our goal was to peak at sectionals, and we just fell short of reaching that goal," she added.

by TONY AZNAR, LISA HERBERT

TENNIS

Girls' Tennis

	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	1	4
Lowell	5	0
Highland	3	2
Wheeler	5	0
Lake Station	3	2
Hobart	2	3
Andrean	1	4
LaPorte	3	2
Valparaiso	0	5
Munster	0	5
Lake Central	1	4
Calumet	5	0
Portage	2	3
Chesterton	4	1

Boys' Tennis

	MHS	OPP
Lake Central	0	5
Calumet	4	1
Crown Point	0	5
Hammond	2	3
Hobart	0	5
Lowell	4	1
Valparaiso	0	5
Chesterton	1	4
Portage	0	5
Highland	0	5
LaPorte	0	5
M.C. Rogers	4	1
Lake Station	3	2
Andrean	1	4

CLUTCH MOMENTS

"I'll never forget the match against Portage. The wind was hard to contend with, and each point was extremely long and intense. If was a tough match to lose."

— Tracy Wikse

Hard work and long strides are required to succeed in CC. Kathy Kurowski, sophomore, competed with the Lady Pirates cross country team who had a fair season.

Despite suffering many injuries, Jim Kerr, senior was the No. 1 runner for the Pirates. Kerr lettered his fourth consecutive season.

Photos/Carlson

DESIRE TO WIN

Injuries plague experienced runners

Running mile after mile MHS' cross country teams showed dedication and desire in order to be successful.

"Hardwork and year round dedication are two main factors that make a good solid runner," according to Jim Kerr, senior.

This season Kerr was plagued with injuries, but he was still the number one runner for the second straight and completed his fourth consecutive season as a cross country letterman.

Kerr ran track in addition to cross country and has reached several milestones in that field. "Right after cross country ends, I begin conditioning for the track season where I run the one and two mile events. When track season ends, I start to workout for the upcoming cross country season. The cycle just continues," Kerr elaborated.

With a history like this, Kerr had a hard time picking out his proudest moment, but settled for capturing the sectional title last year. "I owe much to my coaches as well as my parents; they helped me capture that title," said Kerr.

Kerr also stressed preparation for meets. "Preparing for a meet is very important. I prepare mentally with a pep talk from my coach or from a teammate, and I prepare physically with a light workout the night before the meet."

Kerr plans to continue running after high school. "Hopefully I can run competitively in college, but if not, I can always enjoy running as a leisure activity for years to come," concluded Kerr.

In addition, "the girls cross country season went pretty well," according to junior Amy Gornik. Amy was the number one girls runner. She has improved her times on certain courses and placed better in the conference.

Tracy Fernandez, junior, plagued with a knee injury at the beginning of season gave her a slow start. "I usually run during the summer, but because of a knee injury, I couldn't run for two months. Coach Steve Telfer worked me very hard in order to get ready for the season."

After cross country season was over both Gornik and Fernandez worked hard for the track season. They ran long distance events and ran two to three miles everyday in the summer.

Gornik and Fernandez will be back next season. According to Fernandez, "I feel we will be stronger as a team because everyone is coming back."

by MIKE BANHAM, LISA HERBERT

As the finish line approaches, Shelly Gorski, freshman, pushes herself to the limit, as she prepares to pass a competitor. The girls finished the season 6-7.

Boys' Cross Country — Front Row: Russ Madson, Mark Rosenbaum, Matt Gooch, Rich Hill. **Back Row:** Jim Massow, Jim Kerr, Steve Nolan, coach, Dave Sanoc, Branko Semen

Photos/Carlson

Girls' Cross Country — Kelly Fernandez, Tracy Fernandez, Shelly Gorski, Steve Telfer, coach, Kim Connally, Kathy Kurowski, Amy Gornik

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys' Cross Country

	MHS	OPP
Andrean	27	29
Roosevelt	26	30
Hobart	26	30
M.C. Rogers	28	27
Munster	30	26
LaPorte	26	30
Valparaiso	44	17
Chesterton	41	19

Girls' Cross Country

	MHS	OPP
Portage	45	15
E.C. Central	19	36
M.C. Rogers	20	35
Hobart	19	36
Valparaiso	40	15
LaPorte	29	26
Chesterton	43	16
Lowell	29	26
Boone Grove	25	31
Andrean	20	38
Munster	19	38
Noll	39	41
Lake Central	59	28

CLUTCH MOMENTS

"During sectionals, an Andrean runner was ahead of me with about 15 yards to go to the finish. I passed her and won."

— Tracy Fernandez

"I was in second place, and I heard someone say 'how bad do you want it.' That really motivated me to sprint and win."

— Jim Kerr

TEAMWORK

Leadership effective on, off court

"United we stand divided we fall."

These words are expressed when involved in group activities.

The volleyball team improved throughout the season and learned to work together as a team.

The key to unlocking the team's success was leadership.

Karrin Burke, junior, stated, "As underclassmen we looked up to the seniors. We expect them to set good examples so we can carry them on."

"Leadership brought the team together as one, instead of individual groups going their separate ways," commented Crystal Skrundz, senior.

Individuals played a major role in promoting senior leadership. In this case, the senior captains provided the team with a desire to win.

Dorothy Kapitan, co-captain, stated, "Our job is to take charge on and off the court. We have to be like a second coach."

Also, Colleen Collins, co-captain continued, "The two of us have to make sure that we set the pace and set good examples for our teammates."

The teammates helped and supported each other through good times and bad times.

Burke explained, "They encouraged everyone to do their best, play hard and concentrate."

"When I am doing bad, they are always there for me bringing me up to my capability," commented Skrundz.

Even though the Pirates struggled in a few games with a losing streak of five in a row, much talent appeared despite this with hard work and dedication. This means summer recreation and long days after school working to improve.

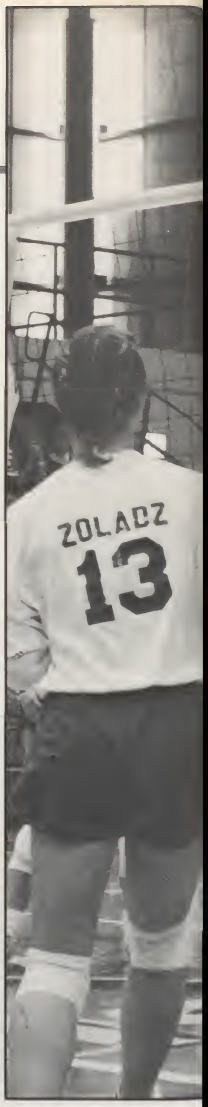
"Once their ability started to improve so did the leadership. I expect my players to put up with my tantrum in a calm manner. I want to win as much as I do and try to practice hard in the summer," stated Joe Starkey, before resigning as varsity coach.

With leadership, talent and ability, they had what it takes to capture the sectional win again by defeating Valparaiso in three matches.

"No one person can win the game alone, for it takes leadership, the desire to win and team unity to make a team work," explained Coach Starkey.

The volleyball team stood united and gained a successful 21-9 season and refused to fall divided.

by SHERYL KRMPOTICH



Concentration. Karrin Burke, junior, lets nothing break her concentration as she prepares to bump the ball. Burke was the teams MVP and earned First Team All Conference.

Photos/Krmpotich

CLUTCH MOMENTS

"I'll never forget going into the third and final game of the match against Valpo in sectional play when we rallied for game point to win and advance to regionals."

— Colleen Collins

VOLLEYBALL

	MHS	OPP
E.C. Central	W	L
Lake Station	W	L
Gavit	W	L
Crown Point	W	L
Andrean	W	L
Lake Central	W	L
Hobart	W	L
Lowell	W	L
Calumet	W	L
Portage	W	L
Bishop Noll	L	W
Munster	L	W
Chesterton	W	L
Morton	W	L
Griffith	W	L
Highland	W	L
Valparaiso	W	L
M.C. Rogers	L	W
Hebron	W	L
LaPorte	W	L

All eyes are fixed on Dorothy Kapitan, senior co-captain, as she prepares ta dink the ball past a Valpa opponent. Kapitan was the team's "Most Impraved" player.

Members at the valleyball team get psyched up far the next play. The team wan the Duneland Canference and the sectional.

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Varsity Volleyball — Front Row: Beth Hutchson, Melissa Cook, Julie Harris. **Second Row:** Sue Koenig, Karrn Burke, Lisa Herbert. **Back Row:** Cathy Arneson, Colleen Collins, Joe Starkey, coach, Dorothy Kapitan, Crystal Skrundz

JV Volleyball — Front Row: Heather Ely, Susan Yurchak, Susan Markos. **Second Row:** Jennifer Yagelski, Rachell Vespo, Vanessa Vazquez, Melanie Michael. **Back Row:** Milena Jasnic, Anna Koloziinski, Cheri Vermilion, coach, Tina Skrundz, Nicole Vermilion

NEW MOTIVATION

Individual, team goals continue to improve

Hard work and dedication is what it takes to be on the boys and girls swim team.

The swim teams are made up of freshmen thru seniors. Some people have been swimming since they were seven and continued until reaching high school.

Even though swimming takes a lot of hard work, the girls still had fun.

Tracey Phillips, senior, said, "The practices were hard, but it all paid off in the end and we still had fun."

Coach Jim Nickolov, said, "Even though the wins didn't show it, the team did really good this year. You could tell the practices really paid off."

Getting a letter in swimming was a little different. A swimmer had to get 200 point in order to receive a letter. If a practice was missed, then five points were taken off.

Every person had a few goals they were supposed to meet. If these goals wee met, twenty points were given to the person.

Coach Nickolov said, "I thought this would be a good way to make the girls work for their letter."

The boys had a little change of pace with a new swim coach. Dan Molchan was the coach while Coach Nickolov was the assistant coach.

Coach Molchan said, "Although this was my first year, I had a lot of fun." He has never coached swimming before, but he has taught swimming for seventeen years.

The boys best meet was against Valparaiso. Coach Nickolov said, "The best meet was against Valpo and Lake Centeral. Even though they didn't win those meets they were really close, and you could tell the preparation paid off."

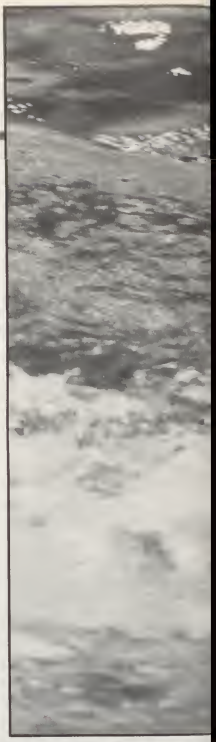
In post-season tournaments, Kristin Erdelac, junior, qualified for sectionals in the breaststroke and placed sixth place. The 400-yard relay also made it to sectionals and finished sixth.

For the boys' many competed in sectional events. However, only one made it to state. Mike Lesniak, senior, swam through sectionals and to state. At state, Lesniak placed seventh.

by KORRI FREKOT

Girls Swimming — Front Row: Jim Nicholov, coach, Ann Verna, Raquel Villarreal, Monica Bardeson, Patricia Zolandz, Jennifer Toma, Michelle Carlson, Tracy Phillips **Second Row:** Nancy Campbell, Chris Teliszczak, Christine Cogley, Tracey Brooks, Helen Malick, Tricia Pfeifer, Kristen Erdelac, Natalie Rodriguez, Kristen Toma, Korri Frekot **Back Row:** Kris Tefler, Sharon Neal, Nki Hatfield, Ginger Beckett, Melissa Berdine, Jody Paul, Michelle Dombrowski, Kristen Darkins

Boys Swimming — Front Row: Eric Vaas, Steve Figueroa, Bob Davidson, Mark Nicksic, Mike Madson, Brian Modrowski, Charles Pain **Second Row:** Doug Collie, Max Crim, Mike Spencer, Marcus Schrenker, Rich Harter, Dave Sanok, James Spencer **Third Row:** Jason Carlson, James son, Chuck Scates, Nick Knezic, Joe Kramer, Dan Brankle, Rodney Kaser, Mike McGibbney **Back Row:** Michael Lesniak, Jim Nicholov, coach, Dan Molcha, coach, Scott Hamilton



Freestyle is one of the many events that the boys' swim team participates in. Mike Lesniak, senior, shows a lot of dedication and desire to be the best. Lesniak competed in the state meet in Indianapolis.

Stamina must be stored for that last lap. Patty Zolondz, senior, pushes hard to finish that last tiring lap.

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Swimming

	MHS	OPP
Hammond	58	122
Chesterton	115	57
Highland	117	55
LaPorte	124	48
Valparaiso	115	57
Hobart	96	74
Portage	116	55
Calumet	52.5	118.5
Lake Central	105	66
Munster	116	56
Crown Point	116	55

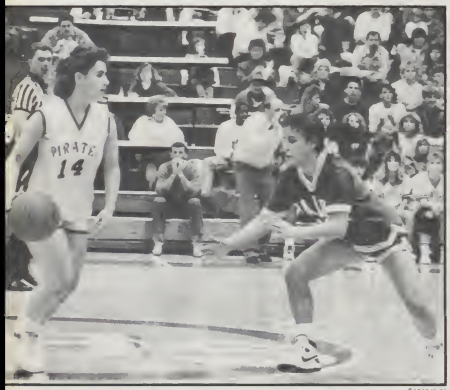
Clutch Moments

"My greatest moment was when I broke one minute in the 100-yard freestyle. It was in the last relay, and coach told us that we each had to swim our best to win the event and the meet. I swam it in 58 seconds."

— **Rod Kaser**

Varsity Girls Basketball — Front Row: Lisa Herbert, Cara Carrabine, Sheryl Krmpotich, LaTonya Bankhead, Tami Peters, Faye Papaiazarou **Back Row:** Sherri Matthews, asssitant coach, Melissa Cook, Tina Skrundz, Stacy Harris, Dave DeMuth, coach, Karrin Burke, Beth Hutchison, Jim Vermilion, asssitant coach, Tracy Fernandez

JV Basketball — Front Row: Karen Leo, Traci Pardus, Kelly Fernandez, Susie Yurchak **Second Row:** Carrie McBroyer, Dara Todorovich, Lori Set, Heather Ely, Jennifer Kerr **Back Row:** Jim Vermilion, coach, Julie Wiczynski, Nicole Vermilion, Nikki Peters, Chris Charlesworth, Melanie Michael, Shelly Garski, Janie Wiczynski, Sheri Mathews, coach



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Dribbling against the press, Lisa Herbert, junior, looks to see the offense. Herbert received the Best Mental Attitude award and was voted to the First Team Duneland Conference.

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MAKING THE MOST OF IT

Scotch-tape team wins 13

Achieving their .650 winning average, the Lady Pirates had a rough road to travel.

Injuries plagued two starters within the first two games. Cara Carrabine and Tami Peters, seniors, both suffered sidelining, knee injuries in the first minutes of the first and second games.

"Losing two starters did put a lot of pressure on me," said Sheryl Krmpotich, seniors, who was being recruited by several Division I schools. "We started with two older experienced players and then we had two younger ones. They had to adapt."

"Without Carrabine on the wing, I felt I had to pick up a lot of the scoring," stated Lisa Herbert, junior. Herbert averaged six points last year, and in 1988 she averaged 14 points.

Although the girls were all important components, their absence seemed to instill an even greater will to win in the team.

"We knew we would have to work really hard to win, especially to help our younger players gain experience," stated Beth Hutchison, junior.

"Even though we lost Tami and Cara, we performed well as a 'scotch tape' team," explained Krmpotich.

Highlighting the Lady Pirates was the two tournament wins on the way to their 13-7 season.

In their own Holiday Tournament, they defeated Lake Station and Highland to top the other teams who participated. Also, they came out on top in the Lake Central Tourney by defeating fourth-state ranked Lew Wallace and East Chicago Central.

The key to the Pirates offensive attack was the tandem of guards Krmpotich and Herbert.

"It would be nice each year if I had the Krmpotich/Herbert combination. They are probably the two best guards in the area," commented Dave DeMuth, coach.

On the defensive end, Latonya Bankhead, senior, took care of the top scorers. She contained many of the leading scorers from achieving their averages.

"Our senior leadership was very good. After being wounded in our first two games, the seniors responded and carried us through the season," added Coach DeMuth.

Floor leadership was provided by Krmpotich who was elected MVP of the Duneland Conference and named to the Indiana top 40.

Also, Herbert made things happen by her slick passes, she also made the conference team and won "Best Mental Attitude."

by GREGG STEPP

Speed and ball handling helped Sheryl Krmpotich's scoring, defense and pressure from a Highland player. Krmpotich's scoring, defense, and leadership led the Pirates through the year as well as earn her MVP of the Duneland Conference and the team.

BASKETBALL

	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	60OT	61
LaPorte	58	42
Andrean	58	34
Portage	50	34
Chesterton	62	45
Lew Wallace	30	41
Roosevelt	59OT	54
Hobart	68	59
Mother McAuley	41	53
Lafayette Jefferson	52	64
Benton Central	57	83
Valparaiso	46	47
Calumet	52	45
M.C. Rogers	70	35

CLUTCH MOMENT

"We were up by two with 30 seconds left in the Calumet game. I was fouled and found myself at the line in a pressure situation. And I swished two consecutive free throws to win the game."

— Sheryl Krmpotich

STRIVE TO WIN

Season ends earlier than expected

It seemed as though old Coach Englehart's burial ground could have trembled as the Pirate hoopsters rowdied the fans in Englehart gym itself.

The basketball season was one which finally again attracted long-missed loyal spectators.

People showed up to the games to see their favorite players — players that possessed personalities with the character of a Zaikos, a Lea, a Haller and a Miller.

How could have one refused to watch and enjoy their antics on the court.

"People are going to be moved around. Some will come up from JV. Some are coming off suspensions — it will be tough getting the team chemistry down," remarked Coach Jim East at the start of the season.

But the only thing they could not get down was that fifth spot on the court. It fluctuated between Rob Schultz, senior, Tony Olejnik, senior, Mike Parker, junior, and Rick Mayersky, sophomore, who made a successful debut the last few games of the season.

Although the season overall was only satisfactory, the Pirates did have their moments. After all, they did capture the Holiday Tourney again. They beat Gary Roosevelt, 53-51, and at one time the team was 10-3. So what happened?

"Last year our offense was based on getting the rock to Wilczynski. This year all give men were involved in it. So it was difficult adjusting to the change," said Jon Lea, senior.

"I can't pin-point what the problem was. All I know is we worked our tails off this season, and we weren't as effective as I thought we'd be," added Zaikos, team leader in assists the past two years.

Despite missing his junior year due to suspension, veteran Steve Haller, senior, fit snuggley back into the Pirate offense by leading the team in points scored.

With Haller and Marty Miller, senior, climbing the boards all season long, it was tough for the opposition to keep things rolling.

The Pirates' record shot in streaks. Coming off a three win start, they then lost three. Then, after winning seven in a row, they fell to five teams in their last eight.

However, going into the sectionals the team was confident. Coach East stated, We were the best team in the sectionals. I thought we could do it. It was

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Shooting for two, Steve Haller, senior, shows winning form. Haller was honored with the MVP award.

Watching intently, Bill Zakios, senior, passes the ball. Zakios led the Pirates in assists.

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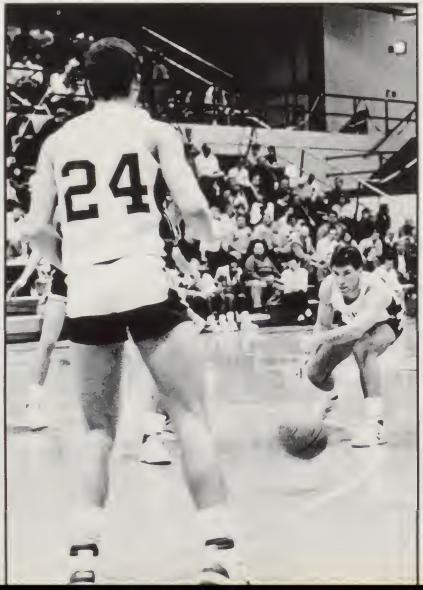
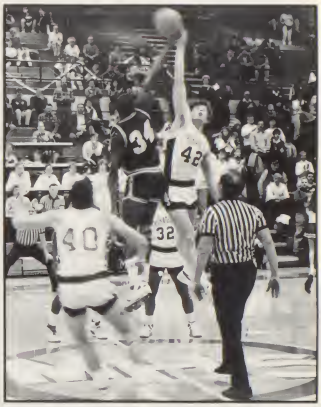


At the tip off, Morty Miller, senior, jumps high in order to get the ball to the Pirates. The Pirates season ended shortly after a loss in the first round of sectionals.



Varsity Basketball — Front Row: Jim East, coach, Eric Czarnecki, Ron St. Myers, Kevin Wright, managers, Dan Slys, coach **Second Row:** Bill Zakos, Rob Schultz, Kenny Clemmons, Steve Haller, Marty Miller, Mike DeHaven, Alex Gagianas, Jon Lea, Jim Jasefarsky, Charles Kelly, Tony Olejnik, Mark Parker

JV Basketball — Front Row: Eric Jamrock, Brian Plunk, Randy Parpart, Martin Conchola **Second Row:** Eric Perry, Jeff Holbrook, Eric Baker, Ricky Mayersky **Back Row:** Pete Santiago, Steve Tomonai, Jason Mallory, Jeff Layman, Jovan Jaksic, Don Slys, coach.

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Strive To Win

Highland tournament victory highlights season

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just a matter of if the guys wanted it."

Well, the Pirates played outstanding. But in every time and every place there is an evil that wishes to bring the chosen down. The quality of officiating in that sectional game against LC was proclaimed by many as being attrocious.

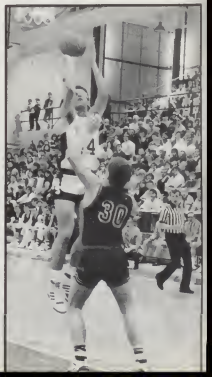
With 85 percent of the offense graduating along with four starters, the Pirates' future looks blurry, but these seniors have stuck with and remained loyal to the program the entire trip time. These seniors had quality careers.

Lea added a little humor to demonstrate the character in this club, "My only regret of this year is that we did not win state as predicted."

by TONY AZNAR

With the opposing team standing guard, Ken Clemmons, senior, shoots for two. Everyone expected the Pirates to be in the final game of the sectionals, but we lost in the first round.

One on one. Jon Lea, senior, attempts to shoot for a basket. This basket almost made or broke the game.



Clutch Moment

"There was about 38 seconds left on the clock in the Highland game, and I was on a fast break. While I was going up for the dunk, I got hammered from behind. With my shooting arm killing me, I had to make both freethrows to tie the game. The first one bounced around the rim and fell in. The second was all net. I tied the game and we went into overtime."

— MARTY MILLER

Basketball

Varsity Basketball

	MHS	OPP
Munster	14	7
Gary West	7	14
Andrean	8	28
Hammond Hgh	21	7
Lew Wallace	7	0
Valparaiso	14	15
Hobart	13	14
Roosevelt	53	51
Chesterton	52	38
Lake Central	76	62
Hammond Gavit	64	42
Crown Point	51	66
LaPorte	61	66
M.C. Rogers	85	68
Portage	51	57
Highland	59 OT	64
E.C. Central	58	51
Lowell	73	62

JV Basketball

	MHS	OPP
Munster	50	57
West Side	43	31
Andrean	62	40
Hammond Hgh	52	35
Lew Wallace	47	59
Valparaiso	36	27
Hobart	65	46
Roosevelt	48	44
Chesterton	45	35
Lake Central	43	51
Hammond Gavit	66	29
Crown Point	33	35
LaPorte	38	35
M.C. Rogers	53	52
Portage	35	32
Highland	50	29
E.C. Central	34	42
Lowell	60	51

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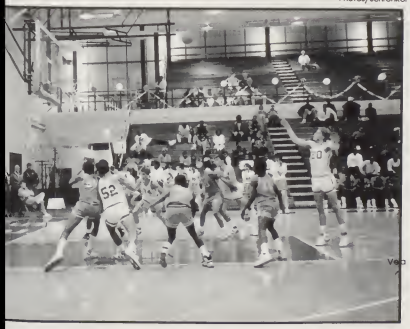

TALK IT UP

School Spirit — Where Is It?

"Rah, rah, rah! Sis-boom bah" is something similar to what you'll hear at any Merrillville game.

However, if you've noticed, usually the only ones saying it are the cheerleaders.

According to many, MHS received an "F" in school spirit because of poor crowd turnout. Karin Burke, junior, commented, "School spirit is definitely not what it used to be."

In past years, student attendance at extra-curricular activities has been outstanding. Debbi Hofferber, junior, added, "This year, I think the school could have gotten more involved. The school spirit wasn't as good as the few previous years."

Many students feel that if there were more support from the student body, our teams would do better. Genta Jansen, sophomore, stated, "I think the more spirit there is, the better our teams will do."

The question is, why is school spirit so poor?

Well, no one knows exactly. If students are looking for reasons, it could be that hot dogs are too expensive or that the bleachers aren't comfortable enough or that our school colors are too bright.

In any case, students should begin to attend games. Larry Iglendza, senior, summed up everything. He said, "School spirit could be fun, but I don't know?"

by AMY PETRITES

After an exciting first half, Bucky, the Pirates' mascot, takes time to rest. Bucky was at the games to help increase spirit among the fans.

Senior, Rob Schultz listens intensely to Coach Jim East for some encouragement. The Pirates finished their season with a 13-8 record.

Effort. Mike Dehaven, sophomore, puts up a free throw for the JV team. The MHS JVC basketball team had a 13-7 record.

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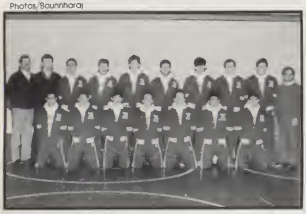
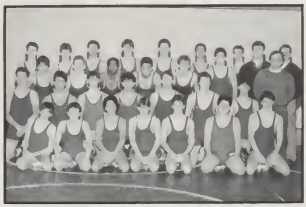


Varsity Wrestling — Front Row: Steve Rodriquez, Mark Rosenbalm, Ed Pendowski, Jeff Pysh, Scott Reder, Victor Garcia, Brad Fentress **Back Row:** Mike Krutz, coach, Al Stazinski, coach, Ed Gonzalez, Kelly Jedynak, John Mazurek, Hank Lorenz, Bill Trutt, A.J. Flynn, Mark Hidalgo, Tom Cameron, coach



JV Wrestling — Front Row: Alan Futz, Ryan Nichols, J.P. Origel, Jeff Dwyer, Mike Garcia, Kevin Hyndman **Second Row:** Marco Martinez, Gus Petralis, Damon Tomich, Carlos Lopez, Andy Shultz, Clint Wiggins, Scott Bukovic **Third Row:** Eric Pearman, Joe Woodall, Eli Neal, Mike Lopez, Shawn Bayer, Eric Rossie, Al Stazinski, coach, Tom Cameron, coach, Mike Krutz, coach **Back Row:** Cameron Bernard, Tad Jones, Frank Kapelski, Eric Bayer, Jay Warren, Mark Vandermolen, Kevin Brant

ROAD TO INDY

Loyal supporters follow wrestlers to state

Four Pirate wrestlers set out to fulfill every wrestler's dream of becoming a state champion.

The wrestlers who went down to state were Bill Truitt, Jeff Pysh, seniors, Mark Rosenbalm and Mark Hidalgo, juniors.

Rosenbaum, junior, made it to the final round and lost the state title to a wrestler who's held the title for the past two years.

"It is a great feeling competing in the state finals, but next year I am going to win it all," stated Rosenbalm.

"It was a real honor to compete in the state tournament. I was just happy to make it to the finals. It was a great moment when they dimmed the lights and sang 'The Impossible Dream'', added Rosenbalm.

Although no titles were captured, supporters provided exceptional morale and encouragement. Countless students as well as their families drove down to Indianapolis for the weekend.

Tom Cameron, coach, stated, "Anytime you have a winning program it tends to draw more people to watch them wrestle."

Supporters watched Rosenbalm wrestle in the finals. "I was nervous when it was my turn to wrestle, but when I got on the mat, I just wanted to win. As the whistle blew, the nervousness went away," said Rosenbalm.

He added, "I was a little disappointed when I lost, but I did my best, and that's what counts. Even though I did not reach my goal, it was a great thrill to be a runner-up at state."

The Pirates faced fierce competition throughout their season. Some of the most competitive teams were Crown Point, Chesterton, Valparaiso, and Portage. Three of the four teams are Duneland Conference foes, which poses a tough threat to the Pirates.

"These teams are very competitive with enough individuals to make the conference a bear," explained Coach Cameron.

"I think my most competitive contender this season was Mitch Digatano from Portage. I wrestled him for the regional title and came very close to winning, but I could not quite pull it off," commented A.J. Flynn, senior.

The one quality that kept the team together was senior leadership.

Coach Cameron said, "Our senior leadership was good. We have some that were quiet leaders and others that lead by example."

"So many qualities are needed to be a good wrestler, but mostly it is the desire to win no matter how much it hurts, and the team did just that," he concluded.

by SHERYL KRMPOTICH, AMY PETRITES

In sectional competition, Bill Truitt, senior, works to pin another opponent. Englehart Gymnasium was the home of the sectional meet.

Victorious in his performance, Mark Hidalgo, junior, breathes a sign of relief at sectionals. Hidalgo advanced to the state finals to compete with the state's, best wrestlers.

Wrestling

	MHS	OPP
Andrean	63	3
LaPorte	34	21
Portage	31	23
M.C. Rogers	55	14
Plymoth	43	23
Penn	26	31
Mishawaka Marion	58	9
F.W. Snyder	43	24
Chesterton	28	20
Hobart	53	20
Valparaiso	28	23

Clutch Moment

"I had a couple of real close matches. One was at the Culver Tournament. The score was 6-5, and I scored in the last 20 seconds."
— MARK ROSENBALM

TWO TITLES

Girls capture second place at state

The gymnastics squad came within .3 points of capturing the state title for the second time in three years.

"We were a very close team with hard work ethics," stated Michelle Dudak, senior.

Dudak was put out of action because of back troubles at the front of the season and left the job to teammates Denise Vasquez, Edie Phillips, Dawn Hebert, Lisa Rimer, seniors, and Nancy Campbell, junior.

Down state, Rimer, Vasquez, Philips, and Campbell competed in all events while Hebert competed in all but the bars. With the score being close down to the wire, MHS was put on the spot to perform well on the beam. However, Vasquez fell just a little shy of the score needed, and the Pirates fell to Connorsville.

"Mrs. Roberts was trying to hold back the tears when it was over, but she told us we did our best and said she was proud of us," added Dudak.

This team has been competing at the high school level for four years now and have been friends since they were introduced to the sport at seven or eight years of age.

With the strong friendships between teammates, Coach Roberts, and her husband Bill Roberts, NHS has competed at the state level successfully.

"They've always shown a strong determination," stated Coach Roberts. "They stuck with it and always gave it their best shot."

by TONY AZNAR

Schrenker

In her uneven bar routine, Denise Vasquez, senior, displays the epitome of excellence. Vasquez placed fourth in all around at the state meet and was chosen, along with Edie Phillips, senior, to travel to a national meet in Texas.

Percisely holding her pose, Nancy Campbell, junior, strategically balances herself on the end of the beam. The gymnastics team finished second at state competition.

CLUTCH MOMENTS

"My most intense moment at a meet was the few seconds before my beam routine at state. Beam was out last event, and I was the last competitor. I knew that I had to stick my routine for us to have a chance to win state."

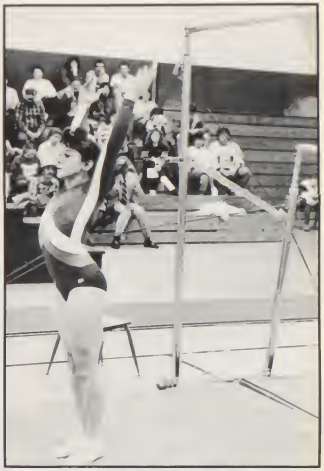
— **Lisa Rimer**

GYMNASTICS

Team One	MHS	OPP
M.C. Rogers	102.45	91.15
Lowell	100.15	67.85
Hobart	106.95	85.50
M.C. Eston	102.70	84.50
Portage	103.40	99.80
LaPorte	100.90	85.20
Crown Point	106.60	96.70
Chesterton	105.90	102.85
Valparaiso	103.55	102.10

Team Two	MHS	OPP
M.C. Rogers	88.20	48.30
Lowell	89.30	29.70
Hobart	88.95	13.45
M.C. Eston	93.90	66.60
Portage	80.60	86.80
LaPorte	85.95	61.80
Crown Point	89.60	53.40
Chesterton	88.25	85.20
Valparaiso	85.50	82.90

On the bars, Dawn Hebert, senior, has a look of concentration. The gymnastic team traveled to state two out of the last three years.



Gymnastics — Front Row: Jennifer Zapinski, Denise Vasquez, Dawn Hebert, Cherly Mahaffey, Marlene Kierzkowski. **Back Row:** Nancy Campbell, Diane Roberts, coach, Edie Philips, Michele Puskar, Vicky Toledo, Lisa Rimer, Bill Roberts, coach, Michelle Schreiber

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Soccer — Front Row: Eric Gonzalez, Todd Soffa, Bill Yu, Dan Iljevski, Damien Tornich, Mik Manvilovski, Nick Trojkovski, Sean McNab. **Second Row:** Dan Gagoff, Mike Soffa, John Christos, Scott Love, Mark Karamaccaki, Mark Jasforki **Back Row:** Dike Randolph, Steve Thien, coaches, Nick Knezic, Mike Budzevski, Zoran Koteski, Zoran Trpeski, Bill Truitt, Eric Rosse, Phil Skarouls, Pete Rest, coach.

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GAINING ATTENTION

Season finishes with 4-0 victory

Soccer is the unheard of sport with some students.

With nine returning seniors, the varsity soccer team ended their season with a 9-4 record.

"Leaving the season with a win was very exciting," said Dan Ilijevski, sophomore, The soccer team played Lew Wallace for its final game, winning 4-0.

Ilijevski and Pete Reist, soccer coach, commented on the low interest level of the sport in Merrillville.

"A good feeder program, I think, would help encourage students to take part in soccer, whether they become a spectator or a player," said Coach Reise.

"Portage, ranked first in the state, has one of the best feeder programs I've seen," add Ilijevski.

A feeder program starts young children at an early age so by the time they get to the high school, the level of interest and ability in the game is high.

The nine returning seniors were Mike Budjevski, John Christos, Mark Josifoski, Mark Karamacoski, Nick Knezik, Zoran Koteski, Phil Skaroulis, Mike Soffa and Bill Truitt.

One of the team's highlights was in their game against Chesterton.

"When we played against Chesterton, we got the chance to play against the only girl on a high school team," stated Knezic.

Chesterton added a few other memories to the varsity players minds.

During their game, a fight was started on the field. According to officials, the brawl was over fouls, and Dan Gagoff, sophomore, was said one of the players physically injured in the argument.

Finally, MHS' game against Valparaiso was another heart-breaker.

"Valpo's a good team, and we were excited and nervous to be playing them" said Ilijevski.

"Then on top of that, we scared them with a 4-4 tie," he added.

In the last few moments of the game, MHS allowed Valpo to earn two points, losing 6-4.

by CORI SHAPKAROFF

Before the game, Mike Soffa senior, practices hitting the ball. Soccer has become a very physical sport. This is a big concern for the sport's future.

To gain control of the ball, Mark Karamacoski, senior, puts forth a strong effort to reach the ball first. Coach Reise is working to develop a good feeder program for soccer in Merrillville.

On the move, Mike Manivilovski senior, defends the Pirate territory from the opponent. There were nine returning seniors with Pete Reise, coach.

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SOCCER

Soccer

	MHS	OPP
Hammond High	4	2
Whiting	7	2
Highland	1	3
Hammond Gavit	5	3
Lake Central	0	3
Griffith	0	5
Munster	0	6
Lew Wallace	4	0
E.C. Central	1	3
Valparaiso	4	6
Andrean	2	6
Chesterton	3	5
Portage	1	9

CLUTCH MOMENT

"My only thought was to get the ball out of their area. I ended up scoring a 60-yard goal."

— Mike Soffa

RANKED NO. 1

Season ends sooner than expected

"I can't explain it," remarked Coach Bob Bergeson of the lady Pirates softball team.

With only one loss in regular season, how can one explain a loss in the first game of sectionals?

It certainly could not be explained by their regular season play. After all, they tied in the Duneland Conference with Chesterton.

Look at their Invitational tourney display — they defeated South Bend LaSalle 6-3, number two ranked Concord in the semi-finals, and thirteenth ranked Hobart, 7-1, in the title game.

The team also held out strong despite various injuries to vital personnel. For example, batting power Sheryl Krmpotich, senior, missed seven games from the invitational on.

Also, Karrin Burke, junior, and Michelle Schmidt, senior, missed two and four games respectively.

It could not be their inability to respond to pressure. They did beat the respectable Highland team, 4-3, in ten innings with a game winning hit by Lori Tubbs, senior, with two outs.

"We thought no one could beat us after we found out we were ranked No. 1 in the state," stated Tracy Wiltfong, senior.

Ace pitchers Colleen Collins, senior, and Margo Wiltfong, sophomore, certainly did their share of the work by retaining very low E.R.A.'s.

"We dedicated ourselves well and worked hard throughout the entire season, but I guess our sectional loss was just a fluke," stated Schmidt.

Krmpotich and Tubbs led the teams offensive attack with howling homers and devastating doubles.

"We had a respectable season, we accomplished a lot — a lot more than being ranked number one in the state. We developed pride in ourselves, and our performances which helped us to achieve," stated senior captains Krmpotich and Collins.

by TONY AZNAR

As Cheryl Depta, sophomore, rounds third, she looks for a possible score at home. The Pirate softball team had an exceptionally good season this year.

"Canned heat" from MHS ace, Colleen Collins, senior, made it tough for a batter to hit the ball. Collins had many strikeouts.

Varsity Softball — Front Row: Crystal Skrundz, Cathy Ameson, Colleen Collins, Sheryl Krmpotich, Tracy Wiltfong, Lori Tubbs **Second Row:** Sheryl Depta, Dee Dee Cortez, Karrin Burke, Lori Sell, Monica Witt, Margo Wiltfong, Michelle Schmidt **Back Row:** Jennifer Yagelski, Michele Pushkar, Manager Kristy Wright, Bob Bergeson, coach, Karin Smith, Melissa Cook

JV Softball — Front Row: Kelly Tresnowski, Jenny Hamilton, Kelly Rivera **Second Row:** Nikkie Phillips, Christy Spitz, Vanessa Vazquez, Christine Barker **Back Row:** Rochelle Vespo, Pat Malloy, coach, Melanie Michael, Anne Kolodzinski, Lisa Stilley, Marie Stilley, coach, Jane Wilczynski

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SOFTBALL

Softball	MHS	OPP
Bishop Noll	6	0
Chesterton	3	0
M.C. Rogers	15	5
Lowell	9	5
Valparaiso	9	2
LaPorte	12	2
Portage	14	2
Highland	5	4
Hobart	10	9
Chesterton	6	8
M.C. Rogers	6	1
Valparaiso	6	2
Munster	5	3
LaPorte	10	0
Portage	14	4
Crown Point	11	7
Hobart	11	1
Andrean	13	9
Andrean	20	2

Her eye on the ball, Lori Tubbs, senior starts to drive it for a base hit. The Lady Pirates had a strong offensive team. But, they were unable to score in sectional play.

CLUTCH MOMENT

"I was up to bat with 2 out and 2 runners on and we were down by 1. I hit the ball, and we won the game in 9 innings."

— Tracy Wiltfong

OVERCOMING INJURIES

Modrak finishes second in 400

Plagued with injuries to vital personnel, the boys' track team proved themselves with several team members advancing to further competition.

While the girls' track conference champions were also in a state of recuperation, they redeemed themselves by their outstanding performances in both running and field events.

Lafey Armentrout, veteran boys' track coach, said, "There's been injuries in the past, but not so many to top notch guys."

Lou Lopez, senior, who will be attending Indiana State, was out for half the season with a broken bone in his foot.

Dispite his injury, he advanced to compete in both the shot put and discus in sectionals and regionals.

Field events proved to be a strong asset to the boys' track team. Mike Naspinski, senior, vaulted his personal best of 14 feet in the final meet for Duneland Conference.

Naspinski mentioned, "I feel that height isn't my problem, so much as getting my chest back when I jump because of holding onto the pole too long which causes myself to knock the bar off on my descent."

Speed was in the favor of Nikki Modrak, senior 400 meter record setter, who recouped the loss of a title she had earned two years ago as a sophomore. Her time for the 400 meters was 58.2 in the final conference match of the season.

Modrak finished second in state in the 400. Joe Atria, coach, said, "I saw the performance coming. Her condition was the best ever. She is dedicated to getting to state."

Out of practice and competition in November, Cara Carrabine, senior, lugged a cast for six weeks before beginning recuperation.

Carrabine mentioned, "Being out for training, it was hard for me to adjust mentally, in addition to developing techniques, such as the spring and power in my jump, which conditioning allows for."

Becky Stewart, senior captain, concluded, "Track is a whole different sport. It's a certain type of self confidence and aggressiveness."

by COLLEEN COLLINS

TRACK

Girls' Track

	MHS	OPP
Hobart	59 5	52 5
Andrean	59 5	36
Lake Central	59 5	45
Hammond Gavit	53	16
Calumet	53	45
Chesterton	66	50
LaPorte	53	65
Hobart	72	46
Valparaso	53	65
M C Rogers	91	27
Crown Point	75	43
Andrean	67	58
Munster	67	23
Portage	39	79

Boys' Track

	MHS	OPP
Chesterton	56	71
Gary Roosevelt	40	77
LaPorte	72	55
Hobart	51 6	75 3
Valparaso	30	97
M C Rogers	83	44
Portage	51	76
Andrean	90	41
Calumet	90	28

CLUTCH MOMENT

"I set a goal to beat Kelly Springman from Portage. In the dual meet, it was the last event up and I defeated her by a large margin."

— Nikki Modrak

Girls' Track — Front Row: Kelly Fernandez, Julie Gibson, Amy Gornik, Becky Stewart Tammy Tabor, Jen Kerr, Kathy Kurowski, Tracy Bogolia, manager **Second Row:** Tracy Fernandez, Kim Connolly, Michelle Schreiber, Anna Smith, Erika Mannek, Sharon Hytche, Heather Ely **Third Row:** Julie Harris, Karen Pachop, Nikki Modrak, Beth Hutchison, LaTonya Bankhead, Dawn Bak, Alison McCollum, Becky Zawacki **Back Row:** Joe Atria, coach, Heather Hopper, Shelly Gorski, Ed Bogolia, coach, Kim Eldridge, Tammie Picard, Cara Carrabine, Simone Shelby, Jeff Yerton, coach

Boys' Track — Front Row: Tom Navarro, Roger Salyer, Jerry McCormick, Rich Hill, Kent Thayer, Tony Adams, Mike Madson, Jim Kerr, Russ Madson **Second Row:** Tom Kierzkowski, Mike Gallegos, Mike Ely, Tony Thomas, Jim Marvin, Paul Borman, Jeff Kissinger, Matt Good **Third Row:** Chuan Stover, manager, Dan Sopczak, Mike Carrillo, Mike Herringer, Bob Stewart, Kevin Thomas, Jim Lehr, Jeff Golka, Venessa Runion, manager **Back Row:** Greg Pierson, coach, Larry Armontrout, coach, Chris Zimmerman, Nate Gist, Lance Summer, Louie Lopez, Tony Smith, Scott Gronowski, Eric Phillips, Mike Naspinski, Randy Parpart, coach Summers

Despite the look on Valpo's anchor runner for the 1600 meter relay, Nikki Modrak, senior, led Merrillville to a victory. The 1600 meter relay was defeated only once during regular Conference meets. Modrak finished second at state in the 400.

Up and Away. Chris Zimmerman, junior, attempts to pole vault over 13 inches.

A deep breathe is taken to get to the finish line. During a dual meet against Portage, Pirate sprinters leave the blocks.

In for a strike. Steve Haller, senior, throws with a lot of force. The Pirates had a strong beginning, but faded after losing to Chesterton.

Varsity Baseball — Front Row: Keith Lash, Chris Gustafson, Mike Parker, Eric Missavjevich. **Second Row:** Phil Michael, Bill Zakas, Roger Perez, Dennis Hinkel, Mark Hidalgo. **Third Row:** Bill Metcalf, Coach, Jim Josefosky, Sammy Mynes, Tony Aznar, Jon Lea, Steve Haller, Mark Shayotovich.

JV Baseball — Front Row: Brad Fentress, David Sonak, Brian Punts, Keith Trivette, Jason Riese. **Second Row:** Todd Paska, Martin Canchola, Chris Tilton, Mark Fryer, Joe Janszewski, Bart Shapley. **Third Row:** Fenton Mack, Coach, Peter Paviopoulos, Eric Baker, Jeff Holbrook, Chris Salomon, Jack Malory, Jeremiah Schaefer.

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PUTTING IT TOGETHER

Parker, Hinkel lead team in hitting

BASEBALL

Baseball

	MHS	OPP
Gary West	3	4
Hammond High	2	4
Hammond High	4	1
East Chicago Central	0	3
Highland	5	6
Chesterton	9	5
Gary Roosevelt	9	19
M.C. Rogers	12	6
Andrean	12	7
Andreon	11	12
Valparaiso	7	2
LaPorte	1	12
Portage	7	12
Hobart	9	8
New Trier East	2	3
Evanston	2	2 (Tie)
Chesterton	5	8
Michigan City Rogers	6	9
Valparaiso	5	21
Crown Point	8	7
Crown Point	10	0
LaPorte	5	12
Portage	2	4
Hobart	2	7
North Newton	6	9
Lake Central	8	6
Hammond Noll	5	12
Munster	2	19

CLUTCH MOMENT

"Defeating 13th ranked Hobart at Hobart and sweeping rival Crown Point in a double header were team highlights. Personally, I went 3 for 3 plus a walk in sectionals and being scouted by the Cincinnati Reds."

— **Mike Parker**

"Offense entertains; defense wins games."

Leading the Pirates offensive attack were juniors Mike Parker with .387 and Dennis Hinkel with .349. Also, on the base paths, Parker lead with 18 stolen bases followed by Hinkle with 17.

"I think Hinkle and Parker helped the team a lot with both offense and defense," stated Bill Metcalf, coach.

The team had a lot of potential and with a little good fortune could have given some teams a lot of problems.

The baseball team had a very strong first part of the season beating Crown Point, Chesterton and state-ranked Hobart.

"Beating Crown Point in a double header was the biggest highlight of our season," explained Coach Metcalf.

"I think we played really intense the first part of the season, but after we lost to Portage, the team fell apart," commented Parker.

Although the Pirates only won 9 games, the team consisted of many talented players.

Players who served key roles for the Pirates were Steve Haller, Bill Zaikos, and Phill Michael, seniors. Offensively, they hit .309, .264, .267, respectively.

In addition, juniors Sammy Mynes' 19 RBI'S and five homers and Mark Hildago's 16 RBI's and two homers played important roles with their hitting and glove.

"This year the chemistry was not right, but next year we look to have a strong season," concluded Parker.

by SHERYL KRMPOTICH

In the on deck circle, Sam Mynes, junior, swings is bat to warm-up for his time at bat. The baseball team started conditioning for their season in January.

In the dugout, Mike Parker, junior, concentrates on the game. Parker participates in three sports a year.

Part OF THE CROWD

Senior year means anticipating the handing out of diplomas, lasting memories and the question ... what will our future bring?

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One more year to go Is "senioritis" setting in early? You guessed it — the Junior Class. A group that inevitably falls between the upper and lower classmen.

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Growing up, changing pace and moving up can explain what this transition is all about. They arrive each year, a little confused, but eventually sophomores are well on their way.

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Balloons were sent soaring during the first football game. Waiting for the first touchdown are Kerrie Evanyo and Eric Milesavljevich, juniors.

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Hats were worn during Spirit Week Adam Marzullo, junior, displays his hat, so that he can be counted for participating.

While walking down the hallway, students automatically engage in conversation. Since there's only a six minute passing period, conversation is limited.

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SENIORS

What is your fondest memory of high school?

At a home football game, Hank Lorenz, senior, relaxes during halftime. Friday night home games attracted many MHS students.

True school spirit is shown by Sheryl Krmpotich and Tammy Peters, seniors, who walk the senior float through the contest parade at the Basketball Homecoming game during half time. Many school sponsored organizations, as well as the three classes, displayed their school spirit in floats.

"Beating Hobart my junior year in football. Hobart is considered the best by many and our beating them was long awaited." — **Phil Michael**

"Prom night — I was with great friends, had a great girl, and had great fun with her." — **Ted Pigott**

"Spending precious time on Calculus. You just don't know the sense of accomplishment I felt pleasing Mr. Hutchison." — **Jane Sopczak**

"Hangin' out and partying with the fallas at the barn. Some of those times we were in a state of mind which made it difficult to tell which barn we were at." — **Rick Farias**

"Being able to get rid of two boring jobs and get a great one laying pipe for a local franchise. It's great making money at a job that I do best!" — **Rey Farias**

"Arguing with Mr. Woods after being annoyed by his cranky moods. We used to get into it almost day." — **Debbie Tica**




Kevin Abernathy. Joseph L. Anaya — Baseball 10, Spanish Club 10,11,12, Wrestling 9,10,11. **Pete Anderson. Greg Arceo.**




Rosie Arena — Band 9,10,11. **Dawn Arly. Cathy Arneson** — Softball 9,10,11,12; Volleyball 10,11,12. **Tony Aznar** — Baseball 10,11,12; Basketball 10; National Junior Honor Society 9; Honor Society 11,12; Newspaper 9; Quill and Scroll 11,12; Spanish Club 10; Student Council 9,10; Yearbook 11,12.




Darcie Baehler — Band 9,10,11,12; **Kimberly A. Bakker** — 9,10,11,12. **William Banham** — Band 9,10,11,12; Baseball 9; Pep Club 9,10. **Latonya Bankhead** — Basketball 9,10,11,12.




Mike Barton — Baseball 9,10,11,12; Football 9. **Denise Batides** — National Junior Honor Society 9; Honor Society 11,12; Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 10; Spanish Club 10,11,12; Builder's Club 9. **Anthony Lewis Beckett** — Fall Play 10, Eagle Scout. **Dawn R. Belinsky** — Choir 9; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10; HERO president 12.




Michael Belmonte — Band 9; Basketball 9; Cheerleading 12; Football 9,10,11,12; Homecoming Court 10, King 11; Student Council 12. **Tony Belt. Brad Bemish. Lisa Jacqueline Bernstein** — Choir 9; Cross Country 11; French Club 10, officer 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9; Quest Club 10; SADD 10,11,12; Class President 12; Student Council 9,10,11, officer 12; Track 10,11; Yearbook 9.

Scott Michael Besedick — Band 10,11,12; Baseball 9; Football 9,10,11,12; German Club 10; Newspaper 9; Yearbook 9. **Kim Bikoff** — Drama Club 12; East Side Club 10; Fall Play 11,12; SADD 11, officer 12; Soccer 11,12; Spring Play 11,12. **Phil Boldyn** — Golf 10,12; Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9. **Melanie Book** — Choir 9; French Club 11; Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Student Council 11,12; Yearbook 9.




Brian Borens. Sue Bounnharj — Cheerleading 9,11,12; French Club 10,11; Orchestra 9; Powder Puff 10,11; Quill & Scroll 11,12; Spanish Club 12; Student Council 9,10,11; Yearbook 11, photo editor 12. **Daniel Brankle** — Swimming 10,11,12. **John Bridges.**




Belinda Brinkman — Powder Puff 12. **Tom Brooks** — Orchestra 9,10,11,12; Quill & Scroll 12; Yearbook 11,12. **Cheri Brown** — Band 9,10; Pep Club 9; **Cindi Brown** — Orchestra 9,10,11,12; Powder Puff 11; Quest Club 12.




Lori Brynn — Spanish 10; OEA 12. **William B. Buchalter. Lara Vanessa Buck** — Girls' Basketball Manger 9; Cheerleading 9,10; French Club 10,11,12; Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society officer 9; East Side Club 10; Pom Pons 11,12; Powder Puff 10; Tennis 11,12; Quill & Scroll 12; Yearbook 12. **Mike Budzevski.**




Dan Buhring. Denise Renee Burger — Choir 12; FEA 10; FHA 10, officer 11,12; Sunshine Society 11; Bookstore 12. **Cheryl L. Burton** — Basketball 9; Powder Puff 12. **Bryan Byczko.**




Greg Byczko. Kristine Cacic — Choir 9,10,11; Quest Club 12. **Garry Cagle** — Basketball 9,10, Football 9. **Kristine Callas** — OEA officer 12.

Kathryn N. Cantu — Cheerleading 11, Choir 9, Pep Club 9, Pom Pons 9, Powder Puff 10,11, Spanish Club 12, OEA 10. **Jason Carlson** — Diving 10,11,12. **Michelle Carlson. Cara Carrabine** — Basketball 10,11,12; Cheerleading 9,10,11, captain 12, Homecoming Court 11, Homecoming Queen (Basketball) 10, Homecoming Queen (Football) 12, Honor Society 11, officer 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Prom Court 11; Student Council 9,11,12; Track 9,10,11,12.

Diane Carrara. Michael Carrillo — Swimming 10; Track 11,12; Basketball 9; Student Advisory Council 12. **James Casey. Carl Cashman.**

Gary Cauley — German Club 10; Swimming 10,11. **Rose M. Celorio. Susan Christoff** — Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Track 9,10,11,12. **Scott Civanich.**

Kathryn Jo Clements — Choir 9; French Club 10,11; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10,11; Quest Club 12; Yearbook 12. **Ron Clemmons. Brandon Collins** — Wrestling 10,11,12. **Colleen Collins** — Choir 9; Honor Society 9,11,12; National Honor Society; Quill & Scroll 11, officer 12; Softball 9,10,11,12; Volleyball 9,10,11,12; Yearbook 11, editor 12; Student Advisory Council 12.

Debbie Colvin — Cheerleading 11; Choir 12; 4-H Group 10,11. **Dee Dee Cortez, Jeff Coto** — Choir 9,10,11; Football 9,10; Revue 9,10,11,12; Swimming 11; Track 10; Vocalteens 10,11. **Doug Crouch.**

Melvin Craig. James Crane — Football 9,10,11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Yearbook 9. **Carmen Cuevas. Mark Cuprinski** — Band 9,10,11,12; Golf 10,11,12; Revue 10,11,12.

Carl E. Czarnecki — Basketball Manager 10,11,12; Football Manager 10,11,12. **Susan Dankanich** — Choir 9; French Club 10,11,12; Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Academic Decathlon 11,12; Student Advisory Council 11; SADD 10, officer 12; Hoosier Academic Superbowl 11. **Vicki D'Asto** — Cheerleading 9; Choir 9; Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Tennis 11.

Mitch Davidhizar — Choir 9,10,11; Football 9; Honor Society 11,12; Revue 10,11,12; Swimming 11; Vocalteens 10,11. **Phillip Dean, Ruben Delvalle Jr.**

Mike Depta — Basketball 10,11; Football 9,10,11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9. **Jennifer Desatnick. Tim Deskins.**

Jeffrey M. Dian — Basketball 9,10; Cheerleading 12; Choir 9; Football 9,10,11,12; Prom Court 11; Student Council 9. **Carol Ann Ditter** — Basketball 9; Choir 9,10,11,12; FEA 10, officer 11; Powder Puff 10,11; Quest Club 10,11; Volleyball 9; Velveteens 11; Vocalteens 12. **John D. Dix. Jamie Dixon.**

Becky Drennan — Band 10,11,12; Flag Corps 10,11, captain 12; Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Drama Club 10,11. **Michelle Drinski. Michelle Ann Dudak** — Cheerleading 9,11; Choir 9; Gymnastics 9,10,11,12; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 10,11; Homecoming Court (Football) 12; Homecoming Princess (Basketball) 11; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Prom Court 11; Quest Club 12; Student Council 9,10,11,12; Yearbook 12; Wrestling Statistician 12. **Angel Dunklin** — Band 9; Quest Club 12; Spanish Club 12; Track 9.

'Egg'citing experience

Seniors learn lesson in motherhood

"My father ate it."

"Someone knocked it out of my hand."

These are several excuses for child development students when they kill their eggby.

Students are required to simulate a parental experience by having a "mock" baby which is an egg for a week.

A birth certificate must be made and a daily journal that explains what experiences the student has encountered with its eggby.

Each egg is initialed by Margaret Stallings, Child Development teacher, and she spins them to check for hard boiling. If an egg is broken, hard boiled or is left alone without a babysitter, points are deducted; and a death certificate and report must be written.

If these things are not done, the student gets a zero for the project. The purpose of this project is to show students that a great responsibility comes with being a parent; it is a full-time job, and a person must give up things they enjoy because the baby comes first.

Mrs. Stallings stated, "Very often students say they do not like the project because it is a pain to carry an egg around, but in their final paper, they realize that they would also consider a child at this time of their life a pain. So, they have in reality learned a great deal from the project."

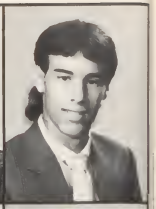
by CAROLYN ZYGMUNT

After receiving facial features and a cradle, Shannon O'Brien's senior, egg is displayed. The Child Development class had to take care of an egg as if it were a baby for one week.

Accused of egg abuse, Camile Kearby, senior, takes one last look at her eggby. Seniors taking Child Development were judged on their parental ability by using eggs.

Randy Dunn. Donald Eaves. Judi Edgerton — National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Spanish Club 10,12; Student Council 12; Yearbook 9; Spanish Honorary 12. **Ron Eich** — Chess Club 12; German Club 10,11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Football 9; Tennis 11,12; Academic Decathlon 12.



Leslie Ann Ellch — Choir 9,10,11,12; Velveteens 11; Vocalteens 12. **Bob Ellis. Kelly Elston. Amy E. Erdelles** — Choir 9,10,11.




Dave Erdelles. Larry Espravnik — Football 9,10,11,12; Cheerleading 12. **Laura Espravnik** — Powder Puff 10,11,12. **Brad Evans.**




Rey Farias — Baseball 9,10. **Ricardo Farias. Terry Farmer. Eric Feliciano.**




Richard Fiebelkorn — Football 9. **Shannon Findley** — German Club 10,11,12; Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Indiana University Honors Program 11. **Shannon A. Flauding** — Choir 9,10; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Campus Life 10. **A.J. Flynn.**




Michael Wilson Fraticelli — Revue 10; Wrestling 9. **Kelly Freeman. Sharlene Freeman** — Orchestra 9,10,11; OEA 12. **Adam Fricke.**

Alex Gagianas — Basketball 9,10,12; Soccer 12. **Christina Gagoff. Debbie Galka** — Cheerleading 9,10,11,12; Choir 9; FEA officer 12; Homecoming Court (Football) 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Powder Puff 10,11; Quill & Scroll 10, officer 11,12; Spanish Club 10,11; Student Council 9,10,11, officer 12; Yearbook 9; East Side Club 10; Newspaper 10,11, editor 12; Student Announcer 12. **Susan Galoozis** — Basketball 9; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Pom Pons 9,10,11; Quest Club 12; Student Council 9,10,11; Tennis 10,11,12; Volleyball 9,10; Yearbook 9.

Michelle Lynn Gawrysiak — FHA 12; Pep Club 9; Powder Puff 11,12; Track Manager 10. **Melissa Lynn Gayda** — Choir 9; French Club 10,11; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 11; Softball 9,10; Volleyball 9,10; Yearbook 12. **Cindi Lynn Geeze** — Choir 9; Newspaper 12; Yearbook 12. **Kelly Geib.**

Dana Marie Gildersleeve — Fall Play; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Revue 11,12; Spring Play 11,12; Drama Club 12; SADD 10,11 officer 12. **Mike Gill. Todd Gill** — Baseball 9; Football 9,10,11,12; Wrestling 9,10; Class President 10. **Jennifer S. Gingerich** — Powder Puff 11; German Club 10,11.

Nathaniel Gist — Quest Club 11; Track 11,12. **Donny Gligic. Elizabeth Gotch. Andrew Phillip Govert** — Baseball 9,10; Basketball 9.

TAKING TESTS

According to experts, study early, sleep well, and concentrate.

Taking tests can cause traumas for some students. However, most students can agree that studying eliminates many traumas.

Preparing for tests ahead of time can be helpful, according to Tracey Phillips, senior. "If I study well enough ahead of time, taking tests can be much easier than cramming the night before," stated Phillips.

But for some students, no matter how much they spend preparing for tests, studying does not seem to help.

Slavica Koroskoska, senior, stated, "Sometimes, I'll study two or three nights ahead of time, and my mind still goes blank when I get the test ahead of me."

"I'm afraid that my mind is going to blank out," said Tammy Jostes, senior, "you learn so much that it can get all boggled up."

"I feel like blanking out," said Jeff Kissinger, sophomore. "I think about forgetting, but I don't," added Kissinger.

Besides blanking out, Keith Wszolek, junior, also has flashbacks. "Sometimes I blank out. I usually have flashbacks when I take a test. I can hear the raging booms of a WHO concert, Robert Plant singing, 'Kashmir,' and the sound of a can opening, all running through my mind," revealed Wszolek.

Nervousness can also cause traumas before and during tests. Marianne Macchia, junior, stated, "I feel so nervous before tests. My heartbeat is constantly going faster."

"I get real nervous and have nightmares the night before the test," said John Kark, senior.

"During tests I get real sweaty palms. Tests are the most important part of my life," added Kark.

Erik LaCoss, junior, stated, "The trauma I feel is mental anguish. The rest of my day is shot because it seems like I'm taking tests all the time."

Even though most students seem to have traumas during tests, some students feel nothing of the sort.

"Taking tests don't bother me," stated Gail Anderson, sophomore. "I feel no different because if I constantly worried about tests I'd go crazy."

"I hardly feel any traumas, when I take tests," stated Jennifer Purdie, senior.

"It's really no big deal for me. Tests are tests, and having to worry how I'll do on them would be a waste of time," added Purdie.

Books on "test taking tips" can be found in local libraries or at book stores. The tips found in these books are, however, primarily just common sense.

"Studying ahead of time," "getting a good night's rest," and "deep concentration on the subject" are just a few examples of these "tips" books offer.

Taking tests are a part of school and students, feeling traumas or not, can expect to take them almost daily.

by KRISTINA KOSTUR

Diligently working on her SAT test is Susan Galoozis, senior. Most MHS students take this test to be able to enter college.

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Diane Gray. Scott D. Griggs — Football 10. **Regina Gros** — Choir 9; Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 10; Spanish Club 10,11; Student Council 10,11; Tennis 10,11; Yearbook 9; Rotary Foreign Exchange Student in Brazil 12. **Tom Grynovich** — Football 10,11,12; Track 9; Wrestling 9,12.

Jerry Guardiola. Shelly Guthrie — Choir 9; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Volleyball 9,10. **Scott R. Hall** — Football 9. **Steven Haller** — Baseball 9,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11,12; Football 11,12; Student Council officer 9.

Scott F. Hamilton — Baseball 9; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 11; Quest Club 12; Swimming 9,10,11, captain 12. **Marcus Handley. Scott A. Hardin. Lisa R. Harding** — Powder Puff 10,11.

Dawn Hebert — Gymnastics 9,10,11,12. **Brad Henderson. Paul Hess** — Chess Club 9,10; Student Council 12. **Kimbra Highsmith** — Cheerleading 9; Choir 9; Powder Puff 10,11; Quest Club 11.

Joseph Hirjak. Deborah A. Hoekstra — Powder Puff 10,11. **Jacquelyn Horwell** — Fall Play 11; Spring Play 12; Student Director 12. **David Hovanec.**

Brad Howell. David Hudak. John Hudock. Scott Hundley.




Melissa Huseman — Powder Puff 11,12; Quest Club 12; Volleyball 9. **Cynthia Ann Hydinger** — Choir 9; Honor Society 9,10,11, officer 12; National Jr. Honor Society officer 9; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Spanish Club 10,11 officer 12; Track 10; Yearbook 9,12; Academic Decathlon 11,12; Class Officer 12; Student Advisory Council 11; National Spanish Honorary 12; Girls' State 11. **Larry Iglendza** — Basketball 9,10. **Jim Ireton** — Quest Club 12.




James Ison — Baseball 9,10,11; Basketball 9; Swimming 12; Boys' Tennis 10,11,12. **Jerry Janda** — National Jr. Honor Society 9. **Connie Jandura** — Band 9,10,11,12; Flag Corps 11,12; Orchestra 9; Spanish Club 10,11; Key Club 10,11. **Kelly Jedynak** — Football 9,10; Student Council 9; Wrestling 9,10,11,12.




Brad Jeffrey. Michele Johnson. Tamera Mechelle Jones — Choir 9; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Spanish Club 10; OEA officer 12. **Norma Jones.**




Terry Jorgensen — Quest Club 11. **Mark Josifoski** — Soccer 10,11,12. **Tammy Jostes** — Cross Country 10; Honor Society 12; National Jr. Honor Society officer 9; Powder Puff 10; Spanish Club 10,11,12; Student Council 11; Key Club 10,11 officer 12; JETS Club 12; Girls' Basketball Manager 10; Spanish Honorary 12. **Jill Jurasevich** — Choir 9; Newspaper 9; Quest Club 12; SADD 11.




Doug Kachur — Football 9. **Todd Kaegebein** — Swimming 9,10. **Dorothy Kapitan** — Basketball 9,10; Honor Society 11,12; Newspaper 9; Volleyball 9,10,11,12; Yearbook 9. **Nancy Kardoulias.**

Rodney Kaser — Newspaper 12; Swimming 11,12; Wrestling 9. **Tim Kaurich** — Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Spanish Club 12; Wrestling 9,10,11; JETS Club 11,12; National Spanish Honorary 12. **Pete J. Kavadas** — Soccer 11,12; Wrestling 9,10,12. **Camile Kearby.**

Rhondalynn Keever — Choir 9,10,11,12; French Club 10,11; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 11; Quest Club 12; Spring Play 12. **Timothy Kendt** — National Jr. Honor Society 9. **Jim Kerr** — Cross Country 9,10,11,12; German Club 12; Track 9,10,11,12; Wrestling 9,11. **Katherine Kerulis** — Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Spanish Club 10,11; Key Club 10,11, officer 12.

Heather Lynn Kirk — Choir 9; National Jr. Honor Society officer 9; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9,10,11; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Quest Club 12; Quill & Scroll 11,12; Student Council 9,10,11,12; Class Officer 10; Track 9; Yearbook 9,11,12. **Nick Knezic** — Soccer 9,11,12; Swimming 12. **Julie Koenig** — Choir 9; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10,11. **Soco Kokubo** — Pom Pons 12.

Jeff Kolodzinski — Baseball 9; Basketball 9. **Kristin Konrady** — Choir 9; FHA 10,11; French Club 9; Quest Club 10; Volleyball 9. **Slavica Koroskoska. Kristina Kostur** — Band 9,10,11; Quest Club 12; Student Council 9; Swimming 9; Track 9; Student Advisor Council 11; Yearbook 12; Quill & Scroll 12.

Kelly Kostyal. Zoran Koteski — Soccer 10,11,12. **Pantelis Koukoutsis** — A.V. Club 10. **Freda Kourtesis** — Spanish Club 10,11 officer 12; National Spanish Honorary 12.

Laurie Kowal. Ed Kratkoczki. Michael S. Krcoski — Football 10,11; Soccer 10,11,12. **Sheryl Lynn Krmpotich** — Basketball 9,10,11,12; Powder Puff 10,11; Quill & Scroll 11,12; Softball 9,10,11,12; Yearbook 11,12; East Side Club 10.

SLANG — It's a 'cool-duff' year

"Hey dude!"

"What's up, babe?"

"Not much here, just heading out to BK. Whatcha doin'?"

"Just hangin' out."

Students seem to have their own language and even make up new words.

For example, Angelynn Martin and Jennifer Penzato, juniors, were looking at homeroom assignments and noticed one room was assigned Cool-Duff.

"We though Cool-Duff was a pretty good way to express our feelings when something great happens. Even though some people look at us weird when we say it, we're not going to let that stop us since we've heard stranger words," stated Martin and Penzato.

Susie Talevski, senior, said the expression, "That's life," is her philosophy. Some things are just not worth worrying about.

Making up an expression sometimes lets students be more original or different.

"I say 'total anarchy' quite often because no one else says it, and it's different. I don't want to sound like everyone else," said Ali Setlack, junior.

MHS students also pick up new sayings from the radio. Barsky's morning show tried to start the expression "Ya' gotta be boo," which means you're kidding.

Donna Favretto, sophomore, heard Barsky say it one morning and thought it was cute, so now she says it all the time.

Kenneth Barnes, junior, said his favorite expression is "Ya do, do ya?"

Eric Rossie, junior, said "Chicks dig me! I said it to get everyone to laugh. No one could believe I had enough guts to say something so conceited, but I was just kidding around."

Some expressions may be new, but others have been around for years.

"Cool, the word alone covers so many things. It seems to be the best word, and it's been around forever or at least a long time," Erika Marinelli, sophomore, stated.

by SUSAN LYTLE

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Between classes, Leslie Osoba, Judy Edgerton and Melanie Book, seniors, talk infront of a well-decorated locker. Expressing oneself by using slang has become a popular fad.

Lisa Kruppa — National Jr. Honor Society 9. **Karen M. Kruzan** — Band 9,10,11,12; Cheerleading 9,10,11,12; Newspaper 9; Orchestra 9,10,12; Revue 10,11,12; Track 9; Yearbook 9. **Christopher Kubacki** — German Club 10,11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9. **Susan Kucik** — Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10.

Suzanne Kuzemka — Choir 9; Tennis 10,11,12; Yearbook 9; Key Club 11. **Joseph Kwilasz** — Baseball 9; Football 9,12. **Gus Lalios. Steve Lamb.**

Karen A. Larson — National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10,11; Spanish Club 10; Student Council officer 9; Yearbook 9; OEA 12. **Kurt Lash. Mark Lash.**

Jon Lea — Baseball 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11,12; Football 10,11; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Spanish Club 10; Yearbook 11. **Jim Lehr** — Band 9; Track 10,11,12. **Pamela Kay Lepley** — Band 9,10,11,12; Fall Play 10; Flag Corps 10,11,12; French Club 10; Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Spring Play 11; Thespians 10,11,12; Drama Club 10, officer 11,12.

J. Michael Lesniak — Golf 10; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 10,11; Homecoming King (Basketball) 10; Prom Court 11; Swimming 9,10,11,12. **Krista Lyn Lewin** — Choir 9,10,12; Newspaper 9,10,11,12; Quill & Scroll officer 12; Spanish Club 10; Sunshine Society 10, officer 11; Basketball 9; East Side Club 10; Builder's Club 9. **Steve Lewis.**

Sheila Lohman — Powder Puff 10,11; Student Council 11. **Mike Lohse** — A.V. Club 10,11,12; Choir 9,10,11,12; Earth Science Club 10; Fall Play 12; Revue 12; Spring Play 11,12; Vocalteens 11, 12; SADD 10,11. **Elizabeth A. Long** — Powder Puff 11,12. **Louie A. Lopez** — Mr. Football 12; Football 9,10,11,12; Track 9,10,11,12.

Hank Lorenz. Nancy Loscaro — German Club 10,11; Golf 10,11,12; Pep Club 9,10,11,12; Quest Club 11,12; Student Advisory Council 11. **Russell Louie** — Football 9,10,11,12. **Barbara Lozanovski** — Spanish Club 10; Baseball Manager 10; Yearbook 9.

Andrew Luttinen — Band 9,10,11,12; Orchestra 11; Revue 11; Spanish Club 12; Hoosier Spell Bowl Team 12; National Spanish Honorary 12. **Sherilyn Machacek. Kristina Macyszak** — Powder Puff 10,12; HERO officer 12. **Doug Mahler** — Track 9,10,11,12.

David Mallory — Spanish Club 11,12; National Spanish Honorary 12. **Marc R. Mannino. Jill Manoski. Mary Cathryne Marks** — FEA 12; French Club 10, officer 11,12. Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9,10,11, captain 12; Yearbook 9; Prom Committee 11.

Lisa Marovich — Cheerleading 10,11; Choir 9; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Student Council 9,12. **Joseph Massow** — Choir 9; Cross Country 9,10,11,12; Track 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9. **Roger Matthews. William R. McBrayer** — Band 9,10,11,12; Chess Club 10,11, officer 12; Orchestra 9.

Alison Ann McCollum — Cheerleading 9; Choir 9; Girls' Cross Country 11; Girls' Track 9,10,11,12; Volleyball 10. **Sherri McConnell** — Choir 9; Honor Society 12. **Michael McGibbney** — Swimming 12. **Sean McHugh.**

John McKinney. Ann Mestousis — Cheerleading 9,10,11,12; Choir 9; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 10,11; Homecoming Court (Football) 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Spanish Club 12; Student Council 12; Yearbook 9; National Spanish Honorary Club officer 12. **Michelle Mestrovich. Donna Meus** — Band 9,10,11,12; Pep Club 9; Sunshine Society 10, officer 11,12; HERO 12.

Stephanie L. Meyer — Band 9,10,11,12; HERO 12; Sunshine Society 11,12. **Philip T. Michael** — Baseball 9,10,11,12; Football 9,10,11, captain 12; National Honor Society 10,11,12; National Jr. Honor Society officer 9; National Spanish Honorary officer 12; Spanish Club 12; Student Council 9. **Dennis Mikuly. Kimberly Lynn Miles** — Power Puff 10,11; OEA 12.

Jeff Miller. Marty Miller — Baseball 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11,12. **Michelle M. Miller** — Fall Play 10; Volleyball 9. **Steve Mills.**

Jaime Mireles. Nikki Modrak Golf 10,11,12; Powder Puff 10; Track 9,10,11,12. **Martina Molina.**

Eric Monyok. Michelle Rae Moskowitz — Powder Puff 12; Spanish Club 12; Swimming 9,10,11,12; Student Advisory Council 12; National Spanish Honorary 12. **Jay Mummey** — A.V. Club 9; Baseball 10; Revue 11,12; Swimming 9,10,11,12; Wrestling 9. **Tami Murray** — FHA 12; Powder Puff 11,12; Quest Club 12; Spanish Club 10, officer 11; Key Club 9,10,11,12.




Michelle Musser — Choir 9; French Club 10; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9; Volleyball 9,10; Quill & Scroll 12; Yearbook 12; Key Club officer 10,11,12; Builder's Club 9; Lt. Governor Div. 1 Indiana District Key Club International 12; Volleyball Statistician 11. **Melinda Napalowski** — Choir 10,11,12; Powder Puff 11; Sunshine Society officer 11. **Melissa Ann Narkun. Michael Naspinski** — Basketball 9; Football 9,10,11,12; Student Council officer 9,12; Track 9,10,11,12; Wrestling 10; Class Officer 12; SADD 9.




Susie Naumoski. Jay W. Newman — Baseball 9,10,12; Basketball 10,11; Choir 9,10; Football 9,10,11; Football Statistician 11; Spring Play 9. **Melanie Newnum. Michelle Nicksic** — Choir/Handbells 9; French Club 10.




Nancy Nims — Basketball 9; Volleyball 9; Golf 10,11,12; Powder Puff 10; Softball 9,10. **Keith Nipper** — Choir 12; Fall Play 10,11; Orchestra 9,10,11,12; Thespians 10,11, officer 12. **Monica Noel. Shannon O'Brien** — Choir 9; FEA officer 12; Newspaper 9, 11,12; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Quest Club 11; Quill & Scroll 11, officer 12; Student Council 9,12; Volleyball 9; Yearbook 9; Student Advisory Council 11; East Side Club 10.




Tony Olejnik — Basketball 10,11,12; Football 10,11; Spanish Club 10. **Kathleen Oliver** — French Club 10; National Jr. Honor Society 9, Powder Puff 10,11. **Leslie Osoba** — Band 9; Basketball 9, manager 11,12; Free Entrepreneur Day 12; Eastside Club 10; German Club 10,11,12; Honor Society 11,12; Powder Puff 11,12; Swimming 10. **Mike Otano.**




Heidi Marie Ottomanelli — Quest Club 11,12. **Dianna Suzette Page** — FEA 10; French Club 10; Powder Puff 10; Girls' Track Manager 10; OEA 12. **Richard David Paige** — Baseball 9; Basketball 9; Newspaper 11,12; Quill & Scroll 11,12; Student Council 9. **Kristin Palansky**.

Deborah L. Pardee. Roy Parpart — Baseball 9; Choir 9,10,11,12; Fall Play 10; Revue 9,10; Spring Play 10,12; Thespian officer 10,11,12; Ross Summer Music Theatre 9,10; Vocalteens 10, officer 11,12. **Stacy Passaloukos. Eva Pena.**

EXCUSES

Sometimes, they work; sometimes they don't

"I was an hour late one night, and I told my parents that my friends had car trouble so I took them home. I also told them that I tried to call, but the line was busy," stated Mechelle Jones, senior.

Many students often find themselves getting into trouble for many different reasons, such as breaking their curfew, fighting at school, drinking alcohol, cussing and the list goes on.

Frank O'Shea, dean of students, replied, "The most common excuse I have heard is 'Everyone else was doing it, and I was the one to get sent down'."

An excuse is usually an apology to someone for doing things that are not allowed. These reasons can be real or pretended.

Meredith Wojcik, junior, commented, "I got caught for ditching school one day, and I told my parents that I had a test that day and I didn't study for it."

"I was supposed to be home at 12:30 a.m. one Friday night, but my friend and I didn't come home until 2 a.m. I simply told my dad we were having too much fun to come home that early," said Diane Rouhselang, senior.

Although many students find themselves getting into trouble, they always seem to find an excuse to get out of it.

by CINDY VANDERMOLEN

Clements

Strategic planning and a convincing conversation with Frank O'Shea, dean of students, Mike Belmonte, senior, attempts to outwit Mr. O'Shea out of another Saturday detention.

David Perez. Leigh Peronis — Choir 9; Spanish Club 10. **Tamara Susan Peters** — Basketball 9,10,11,12; Choir 9; French Club 10,11,12; Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Student Athletic Trainer 10,11,12; East Side Club 10. **Amy Elizabeth Petrites** — Choir 9; French Club 10; Yearbook 12; Commencement Planning Committee 12.

Jerry Peyton — Choir 9,10,11; Football 9,10,11,12; Revue 10,11,12; **Edie Phillips** — Gynastics 9,10,11, captain 12; Powder Puff 12; Diving 9,10,11; Newspaper 9. **Tracy Phillips** — Cheerleading 11,12; Fall Play 10; Pom Pons 9, Spanish Club 10,11,12; Swimming 11,12; Volleyball 9, Drama Club 10,11; Key Club officer 10,11,12; National Spanish Honorary 12; JETS 12. **Wayne A. Picard.**

Ted Pigott — Basketball 9,10; Football 9,10,11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Student Council 9. **Jan Povlin** — French Club 10,11,12; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 11. **Jennifer Anne Purdie** — Band 9,10,11,12; Flag Corps 11,12; Powder Puff 10; Quest Club 12. **Renee Putman.**

Joel Putz — Football 9,10,11,12; Honor Society 11, officer 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Student Council officer 9; Wrestling 9,10; Yearbook 9; Class Officer 10,11; Cheerleading 12; Boys' State Delegate 12. **Jeffrey D. Pysch** — Wrestling 9,10,11,12. **Larissa Radczenko. Kerri Ann Ralph** — Band 9,10; Basketball 9; FHA 12; Flag Corps 10; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10,11,12.

Kimberley A. Ramage — FHA 12; French Club 10. **Brian Randall** — Band 9; Baseball 10; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Quest Club 12. **Scott Reder** — Prom King 11; Wrestling 9,10,11,12. **Scott Reiner** — Band 9,10,11,12; German Club 11,12; Orchestra 9; Revue 11,12.

Raeanne Renner — Choir 9; Golf 10,11; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 11; Powder Puff 10,11; Prom Court 11; Student Council 11,12; Class Officer 12; East Side Club 10. **Susanne Rieder** — French Club 12; Powder Puff 12. **Julie R. Riese** — Orchestra 9,10,11,12; Powder Puff 12; Quest Club 12. **Maxine Righi** — Band 9; French Club 12; Powder Puff 12; Quest Club 12; Spanish Club 10,12; Sunshine Society 10.

Raquel Rios — Choir 9; Pom Pons 9,10,11; Spanish Club 10,12; OEA officer 12. **Derrick Ritter**. **Thomas Roberts**. **Cathy Jeanine Robinson** — Pep Club 9; Quest Club 10,11,12.

Greg Rogers. **Paul Rogers**. **Diane Marie Rouhselang** — Basketball 9; Powder Puff 10. **John Runions** — Baseball 9,10; JETS 10,11.

Margaret Saavedra. **Todd Sadowski** — Football 9,10,11,12; Golf 9; Student Council 9. **Christine Marie Salas** — National Jr. Honor Society 9; Powder Puff 10; Spanish Club 10; National Spanish Honorary 12. **Cathy Samardzja**.

Patricia Sanger — Band 9,10,11,12; Swimming 9,10. **Evette Santiago** — National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9,10,11, captain 12; Spanish Club 12; Yearbook 9; National Spanish Honorary officer 12. **Chuck Scates**.

Tim Schiefer — Cross Country 10; Swimming 9; Commencement Planing Committee 12. **Michelle Schmidt** — Basketball 9; French Club 10; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9,10,11; Powder Puff 10,11,12, Student Council 10,11. **John Schneider** — Football 10,11,12. **Michelle L. Schreiber** — Gymnastics 9,10,11,12; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Quest Club 11,12; Softball 10; Track 11,12.




Rob Schultz — Basketball 9,10,11,12; Cross Country 9,10,11; Track 9,10,11. **Derrick E. Schwandt** — Baseball 9; Basketball 9; Football 9; Wrestling 9. **Tony Scott** — Basketball Manager 10,11. **Branko Semen.**




Ursula M. Setlak — German Club 10,11. **Julie Shatkowski. Linda Shesto** — French Club 10,11, officer 12; Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Pom Pons 9,10,12; Quest Club 10,11,12; Student Council 9,10,11,12; Tennis 9; SADD 10,11 officer 12.



Kathleen Louise Shultz — Powder Puff 10,11,12. **Jim Sibincic. Dave Sikanovski.**



Anne Sikora — National Jr. Honor Society 9; Pep Club 9; Pom Pons 9; Student Advisory Council 11; Student Athletic Trainer 10,11,12. **Frank Silva** — Wrestling 9,10,11. **Patricia Sinkiewicz** — Key Club 12.




Kathryn Skaggs. Phil Skaroulis. Crystal Skrundz. Jill Smith — Basketball 9,10; Newspaper 9; Pom Pons 9,10,12; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Student Council 9,10,11,12; Yearbook 9; East Side Club 10; Commencement Planning Committee 12.

Scott C. Smith — Choir 9; Football Statistician 9; National Jr. Honor Society 9. **Shawn Smith. Shirley Smith** — Powder Puff 10; SADD officer 12; Track Statician 10. **Kevin Schneiderwine.**

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BODY (RE)BUILDERS

Automotive students learn by doing actual repairs

Every day hundreds of students drive to school. Whether it is their parent's car or their car, they drive!

Of the students who drive, some take great pride in a machine that they bought and rebuilt.

One of these students is Brian Borens, senior.

Standing next to his candy-apple 1968 Camaro, Borens stated the history of his car, "It is an Arizona car, so it has never seen snow; and I store it winters and that is the main reason it never rusted."

Borens added, "After I got it, I spent five months working on it; I stripped it and put seven coats of paint on it. I gutted it and dropped a rebuilt 327 engine into it."

Although, to many, the car may look good and finished, Borens isn't finished.

"I hope to get every possible piece chromed and eventually make it a show car," he said.

Another car re-builder is Garry Cagle, senior. Cagle is the proud owner of a 1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass from California.

Cagle was driving to Great America last year when he rear ended another and totaled the front end of his car.

"It was totaled. If you walked up to it, you would have thought people got killed in it," Cagle stated.

Cagle went to work on a car that was too good to let go of.

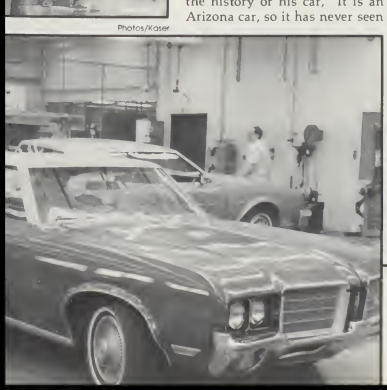
"Fortunately, the car was still pretty sound mechanically, but cosmetically it was a mess. I had to put $2100 into it over a three month reconstruction period," Cagle said.

The car isn't finished yet; Cagle is still working on some electrical and wiring parts.

"Not only does my car look good again, but I gained a lot of knowledge in the automotive field," Cagle concluded.

"Hopefully, I will have the opportunity to do another project," said Cagle.

by MIKE BANHAM



After school, Gary Cagle, senior, works on his car. The school auto shop is often full because it is cheaper to do the work there than at a regular auto shop.

Inside auto shop, Cagle's car is ready to be worked on. Students can totally rebuild their cars throughout the year

Michael Soffa — German Club 10,12; Honor Society 11,12; Soccer 9,10,11,12. **Jane Sopczak** — Choir 9; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Powder Puff 10,12; Student Council 9. **Phil Sopczak** — Football 9,10,11,12; Track 9. **Tom Spiridis** — Chess Club 9,10,11,12; Football 9,10,11,12; Band 9.




Lisa Sponel — Band 9,10,11,12; Flag Corps 9,10,11 captain 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Honor Society 11,12; Thespians officer 11,12. **Kay Lynn Spradley. Jerry Starcevic** — Orchestra 9,10,11,12. **Jennifer Stevenson.**




Rebecca R. Stewart — Choir 9; Power Puff 11,12; Track 9,10,11,12; Volleyball 10. **Bob Stewart. Kim Sturm** — Choir 9; FHA 12. **Silvana Sulli** Choir 9,10,11,12; Pep Club 9; Swimming 10.




Matthew Allan Swike — Football 9. **Carrie Ann Swinford** — French 10,11,12; Newspaper 9; Quest Club 12; Yearbook 9; Student Advisory Council 11. **Susie Talevski** — Powder Puff 12; Sunshine Society 12; Bookstore 12. **Traci Tamalunas.**




Tito Tamayo. Donald Tarry. Michelle Taulbee — Powder Puff 11,12; Track Statistician 10; SADD officer 12. **Amy Lynn Teel** — Choir 9, Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10.




John Thieling, Cindy Thomas, Kimberly Ann Thurman — Pep Club 9; Drama Club 10. **Debbie Tica.**

Kimberly Tipton, Russell Tobias — Baseball 9,10; Basketball 9. **Jennifer Toma** — Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Pom Pons 9; Spanish Club 10, officer 11,12; Swimming 9,10,11, co-captain 12; Key Club 10,11,12. **Jodi Tomb** — Choir 9,10,11; Cross Country 10,11; Pom Pons 9.

David Tomich, Mike Topolski, Rebecca Torres — Powder Puff 10,11,12; East Club 10. **Pete Tournis** — National Jr. Honor Society 9.

Kristina Trakas — Basketball 9; Pom Pons 9,10,11 captain 12; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Quest Club 12. **Bill Truitt, Bill Trzaska** — Choir 9,10,11; Football 10,11,12; Track 9,10,11. **Lori Tubbs** — Basketball 9,10; Golf 11,12; Powder Puff 10,11; Softball 9,11,12; Swimming 9,10; Yearbook 11,12; Quill & Scroll 12.

Ty Underwood, Suzy Utley — Swimming 9. **Holly Vance** — Basketball 9; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 11; Orchestra 9; Prom Queen 11; Swimming 9,10. **Cynthia Lynn Vandermolen** — Basketball 9,10; Cross Country 10; Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 10,11; Spanish Club 10; Yearbook 12; OEA officer 12.

Rigo Vargas. Denise Vasquez. Richard B. Velovski — Football 9,10,11,12; German Club 10,11; National Jr. Honor Society 9. **Jennifer J. Vereb** — Choir 9; Fall Play 11; Newspaper 9; Quest Club 10,11,12; Drama Club 10,11,12.




Renee Jean Vermillion — Basketball Manager 10; Choir 9; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 12; Spanish Club 11; Volleyball 9,10,11; East Side Club 10; Builders Club 9; Key Club 10,11, officer 12. **Anne Marie Vernia** — Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10; Swimming 11,12. **Mike Vesich. Raquel Villarreal** — Choir 9; Pep Club 9; Swimming 10,11,12; Key Club 12.




Vince Vitalone. Penny Wade. Kari Wahlman — Choir 9; Powder Puff 10; Student Council 9. **Bill Watkins** — Quest Club 12; Wrestling 9.




Matt Werner — Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Spanish Club 10; JETS Club 12. **Robert Whitaker. Tracy Wikse** — Cheerleading 9,10,11; Choir 9; French Club 10; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9,10,11, editor 12; Powder Puff 10,11,12; Quill & Scroll 11,12; Student Council 9,10,11,12; Tennis 9,10,11,12; Yearbook 9. **Tracy Wiltfong.**




Tina Wills. Bob Winovich — Band 9; Football 9,10; Spanish Club 12; National Spanish Honorary 12. **Lisa Wood** — Choir 9,10; Powder Puff 11,12; Quest Club 10,11; HERO 12. **Kevin Wright** — Basketball Statistician 11; Basketball Manager 10,12; Football Manager 10,11,12.









Ed Yerga — Band 9,10,11,12; Revue 11. **William J. Zaikos** — Baseball 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11,12; Football 9,10; Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Student Council 9; JETS Club 11,12. **Charlie Zembillas** — Football 12; Honor Society 11,12; Spanish Club 10,11, officer 12; JETS Club officer 12. **Catherane M. Zinkovich** — Choir 9; French Club 10; SADD 10,11.

Patricia M. Zolandz — Choir 9,10,11,12; FEA 12; German Club 10,11; Pep Club 9; Quest Club 11,12; Revue 10,11,12; Spring Play 12; Swimming 9,10,11,12; Thespians 10,11 officer 12; Hoosier Academic Super Bowl 11. **Carolyn Zygmunt** — Choir 9; Newspaper 9,10,11,12; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 12; Quill & Scroll 10,11, officer 12; Swimming 9,10,11; Yearbook 9.

SENIORS Not Pictured

Shelly Akers — Band 9; Choir 9; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9; Quest Club 10,11; Spanish Club 10; Swimming 9,10; Yearbook 9.
Riste Balovski
Monica Bardeson — Golf 10; Powder Puff 10; Swimming 11,12.
Radmila Baric — FEA 10; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Honor Society 11,12; French Club 10,11,12; Builder's Club 9.
Marsha Bennett
Scott Boedecker
David Bogard
Tony Breault
Tammy Carlotta
John Christos
Debbie Conn
Jason Crownover
Stacey Curtis
Tammy Danford
Mark Demakas — Basketball 9; Football 9,10,11; Soccer 10,11.
Colleen Drake — Powder Puff 10; Quest Club 12.
Michael P. Erdelac
Niki Fitusis
Bill Frantel
Robert Gabric
Billy Gomez — Baseball 9,10,11,12.
Michael Gonzalez
Steve Gronek
Chris Gustafson — Baseball 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9; Football 9.
Tim Gutesha
Eric Helm — Wrestling 10,11.
John Hocza
Diane Hudnall
Donald Janiszewski
Steve Jones
Marjan Karamacoski
John Kark — Cross Country 10,11; Newspaper 9,10; Track 9,10,11,12
Tim Klein
Dale Krausnick — German Club 9,10,11; JETS Club officer 12.
Michael Lindauer
Michael Loftain
Christine Majcher — Choir 9.
Dawn Maloney — Quest Club 10,11; Basketball 9.
Tom McCoy — Band 9,10,11,12; Choir 11,12; Revue 12.
Randy Mihal
Jameson D. Miller — Band 9,10,11; Spring Play 12.
James Nelson
Eliana Ortiz
John Oxley — Prom Court 11.
Donald Pavichevich
John Peirich
Marion Perry
Sandra Rising
Jim Robbins
Larry Shelby
Pete Skyllas — Soccer 9,10,11.
Donald Smith
Dave Sneden
Marc Spenker
John Spicer
Jeff Swinson
Matt Thompson
Stacey Uzelac — Powder Puff 10; Tennis 10; Class Secretary 11.
Mike Vode
Mark Waters
Bryan Yarchan
Lori Yurko
Cathy Zimmerman

The class of '88 prepares to pose for the "Panoramic Super Pic." Roughly 450 students were present for the event.

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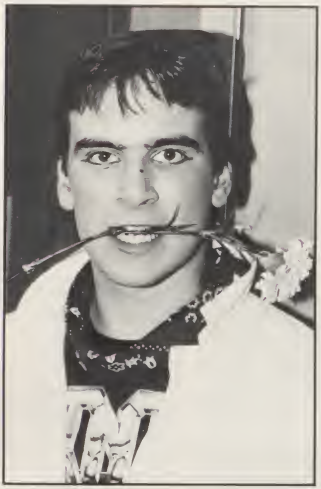
JUNIORS

What was your most embarrassing moment at MHS?



"My most embarrassing moment was when I pulled down my shorts and my mini-shirt came down with them. I was standing there in my underwear." — **Tracy Fernandez**

"It was when I was in football, and I was snapping the punts. I snapped the ball 5 yards over the punter's head." — **Kevin Banashak**

"My most embarrassing moment was when I was at a bachelor party. I danced with nude dancers." — **Erik LaCoss**

"It was when I had to swim in the state swimming meet, and I had just gotten over the chicken pox. I looked like a plucked chicken." — **Eric Milisavlievich**

"It was the time my mom took off my wig on Halloween." — **Rob Johnson**

"It was when I was on a date, and I had to change a flat tire. My date was getting mad and 13 of my friends drove by and laughed." — **Tom Kubiak**

"My most embarrassing moment was when I fell down the stairs in front of the guy that I like." — **Kelly Gilfillan**

"I was with a guy at an after school function, and his girlfriend walked in. She was as big as an ox!" — **Chris Cogley**

"I've never been embarrassed in my life!" — **Lance Summers**

"It was at a game when I threw the volleyball into the net. It bounced back and hit me in the face." — **Beth Hutchison**

Between acts during the Revue, Gregg Stepp, junior shows off his made-up face and hair. Many students performing in the Revue used creative make-up techniques and wore unique costumes.

Smiles cover the faces of students while attending sporting events. Anne Kolodzinski and Milena Jasnic, juniors, show the fun they are having through their smiles.

Adams, Thomas
Adkins, Vince
Adler, Glenn
Albach, William
Aponte, Noel
Asbridge, Todd
Augustine, Michael
Baczko, Jessica
Banashak, Kevin
Banham, Michael

Barakoska, Suzana
Barkas, Nicole
Baker, Christine
Barnes, Kenneth
Barnes, Robert
Battiner, Stacy
Bell, Scott
Belshaw, Amanda
Bernath, Tracie
Berdine, James

Best, Melissa
Biancardi, Ann
Biancardi, Rebecca
Bielak, Joseph
Bills, Jon-Marc
Bittner, Nicole
Black, Todd
Blanco, Susana
Boger, Melissa
Boswell, Colette

Bounnharaj, Tom
Bova, Frank
Bowen, Jamie
Brandon, Steve
Branson, Steve
Bricker, Todd
Bridy, Joy
Brooks, Henry
Brooks, Tracie
Bruner, Greg

Budzevski, Nikol
Bukovic, Scott
Bulza, Teresa
Bunda, Nicole
Burke, Karin
Burkhart, Melinda
Cammarata, Antonino
Cammarata, Diana
Campbell, Nancy
Canales, Gina

Canchola, Eric
Carlson, James
Castle, Chris
Centanni, Jeffrey
Clark, Carolyn
Clemenz, Sean
Cogley, Christine
Cole, Peggy
Colke, Douglas
Cook, Walter

Correa, Marco
Cozmanoff, Cheryl
Dass, Bethany
Davis, Kevin
Deel, Robert
Deible, Clinton
Del Rea, Leticia
DeMure, Jennifer
Dervish, Bridget
DiFabio, Steve

Dojcinovski, Mary
Doyle, Ronald
Dubowski, Renate
Dukic, Jokia
Dulic, Kimberly
Durkin, Kelly
Easton, Robert
Eby, Stacy
Eeffmen, Anthony
Elliott, Mary

Ely, Rodney
Emerson, Julie
Ennis, Tracey
Erdelac, Kristin
Erfurth, Jennifer
Evanya, Kern
Fashing, Jacqueline
Feilmy, Alica
Fernandez, Tracy
Feterick, Michael

Fiakowski, Nancy
Flores, Laura
Fradette, Jacqueline
Freeman, Catherine
Frekot, Korn
Friedlund, Christopher
Galvan, Marca
Gard, Monica
Garrard, Amy
Gearhart, Amanda

Georgetski, Dragicia
Georgetski, Gligur
Gernenz, Michael
Gibson, Julie
Gilea, George
Gilliian, Kelly
Gill, Karen
Gill, Kevin
Glatt, Brandon
Gonzalez, Edward

Gonzalez, Erik
Good, Matthew
Gornik, Amy
Gorski, Michael
Graeber, Michelle
Grant, Garry
Graystone, Jeffrey
Gronowski, Scotty
Guba, Anthony
Guernsey, Maureena

Guernesey, Stephen
Guzman, Eseiquiel
Hague, R. Jason
Halikas, Nicholas
Harbrecht, Gregory
Harper, Teresa
Harris, Julie
Harter, Richard
Hatala, Pamela
Hawkins, Dawn

Heinz, Amy
Helfums, Deborah
Hemnger, Michael
Hensley, James
Herbert, Lisa
Hernandez, Denace
Herr, Allson
Herrera, Christopher
Herron, Shane
Hidago, Mark

Hill, Gordon
Hill, Richard
Hinkel, Denns
Hippe, Herbert
Hirchak, John
Hodgetts, Michele
Hofferber, Debra
Holland, Michael
Hollandsworth, Marc
Huber, Amy

Huddleston, Tracy
Hummel, Tricia
Hunt, Tina
Huston, Laura
Hutchson, Beth
Hylek, Gina
Iglendza, Marka
Ilievski, Victaria
Iles, Tracy
Jakich, Tami

Janovick, Paul
Jansen, Tasha
Jasnic, Milena
Jen, Michael
Johns, Tara
Johnson, Lisa
Johnson, Lorraine
Johnson, Michael
Johnson, Robert
Jones, Brett

MAKE THE GRADE

Athletes study harder for academic excellence

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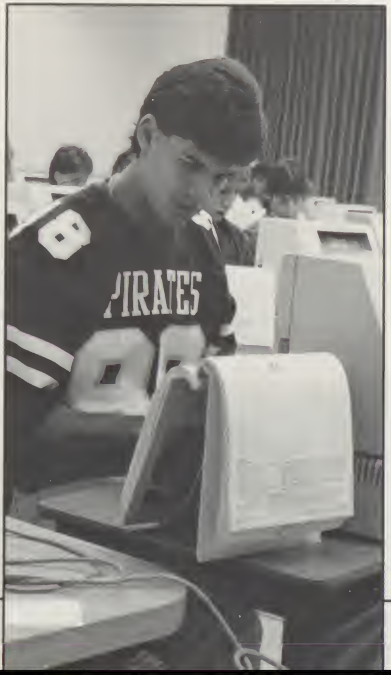


Athletes battle with maintaining their academic standards.

According to Scott Moore, senior, "It is tough, but as soon as I get home, I sit down and then immediately do my homework before I do anything else."

Athletes spend limited time on extra activities at home.

According to Randy Parpart, sophomore, "It is very rough, but not impossible. The homework is done after practices, and many times it takes your leisure time away."

Some student athletes now take a study hall for a good extra hour to spend doing homework or studying.

Becky Stewart, senior, stated, "I have a study hall last hour, so I have a chance to do most of my work. What I don't get done, I do after practice when I get home."

Kevin Davis, junior, stated, "Most of the time it is hard to finish homework after practices or a JV game because you are too tired to start."

Most athletes have to take more time in studying and doing homework on weekends to prepare themselves for the difficult schedule ahead.

Nancy Campbell, junior, "I set aside an extra hour and a half to make sure that all my homework and studies are finished either before or after practice depending on when the meets or practices are held."

by LISA HERBERT

With his calculator close at hand, Bill Truitt, senior, concentrates on a calculus test. Athletes are required to pass at least four solid classes to eligible for competition.

In school and athletics, Pete Santiago, sophomore, works hard to use his talents. Athletes need to make up for the lost homework time they use for practice.

Jones, Heather
Jones, Jennifer
Jones, Kelly
Jasefarski, James
Jovanovski, Susan
Judge, Thomas
Kaiser, Alisan
Kambours, Phil

Karokazski, Gina
Kawalski, John
Keegan, Lane
Kelly, Brian
Kelly, Charles
Kierzkowski, Thomas
Kim, Kimberly
Knezic, Nancy

Kaczur, Erik
Koenig, Susan
Kager, Greta
Koladinski, Anne
Kanfka, Laurie
Koveck, Kevin
Krais, Paul
Krocoski, Suzie

Krecik, Michael
Kubick, Thomas
Kumstar, Joseph
Lacoss, Erik
Landgrebe, Brian
Lane, Tara
Lape, David
Laplante, Nicole

Lara, Jose-Luis
Lash, Darcy
Lash, Keith
Law, Rebecca
Lieber, Shana
Liley, James
Lind, Michael
Lindborg, Lisa

Littlejohn, Shaun
Loftain, Jennifer
Lopez, Thomas
Lorenz, Chad
Love, Scott
Lucas, Leslie
Lucas, Steven
Luczak, Lisa

Lunsford, Jason
Lytle, Susan
Maccha, Anthony
Maccha, Marianne
Madson, Russell
Maldonado, Ibeliza
Malenshek, Greg
Maldey, Lynn

Malyj, Nycole
Manojlovic, Suzana
Marando, Julie
Manno, Robert
Marshall, Michelle
Martin, Angelynn
Martin, Julie
Martin, Kathy

Marzulla, Adam
Massey, Jon
Matthews, Heather
Mazurek, John
McCormack, Gerald
McCoy, Daniel
McCravitz, Michael
McDaniel, Steve

PAY TO STAY

Apartment living attracts families for variety of reasons

It's the first of the month, and the rent is due.

Most apartment dwellers are faced with a certain payment at the beginning of each month. Of course, this fee may vary depending on the type of facility offered.

For example, the location of the building, the condition it is in and the amenities offered all have a direct effect on how much an apartment tenant will pay.

Indeed, apartment living has become a popular alternative for many people in the United States. Many prefer living in apartments as opposed to houses because it is often cheaper.

Others find the extra space found in houses unnecessary for their particular needs. Still, some enjoy the free maintenance offered at most apartment residents.

Cheryl Burton, senior, stated, "There are only three of us in my family, and we needed something smaller, so we decided on an apartment.

Burton also admitted that she liked not having to do any lawn maintenance.

On the other hand, some people dislike apartments for one reason or another.

Lori Tubbs, senior, complained, "I don't like living in apartments because there is no freedom or privacy."

She added, "I always feel like someone is watching me."

James D. Combs, landlord of the Maison Royale apartments in Valparaiso, commented, "My duties as landlord include collecting security deposits and rents, overseeing maintenance and repairs, paying bills, working within a budget and maintaining overall goodwill among tenants."

"It is impossible for me to have parties in my apartment, and the neighbors are always complaining," Tubbs said.

Assuredly, different apartments have different restrictions. Some landlords prohibit pets and children. Furthermore, being a nuisance or failing to pay the rent are a couple of things to do if the tenant is anxious to be evicted.

Burton explained, "My neighbors bother me by their constant fighting. And, one time, they had the nerve to bang on my wall just because the music was a little loud."

Mr. Combs said, "One who does not pay his rent is abusive to the property and is bothersome or noisy is considered an unsuitable tenant."

Obviously, if the tenant follows all the rules and pays his rent on time, he should have no problem with apartment dwelling.

by SHANNON O'BRIEN

Relaxing in her family's apartment is Patty Tubbs, junior. Many students are forced to live in apartments because of the high house payments

O'Brien

A HARD NIGHT'S WORK

Success in school through hard work

"Work, work, work that is all I ever hear!" exclaimed Nancy Loscaro, senior.

Many students spend two to three hours on homework a night. According to Drew Furuness, guidance, counselor, students should be spending half an hour for each subject a night.

After talking with many students, most of them decided that the only way to succeed is through hard work.

Holly Vance, senior, agreed, "Most nights I have to spend two to four hours studying for test or quizzes and such."

Debbie Hofferber, junior, stated, "Last year when I came to this school, I wasn't sure how my classes were going to be. I thought for the most part, that it would generally be like junior high, Boy, was I ever wrong! I've had to work much harder, and it's paid off. I make much better grades now than what I started out with."

Teachers explain that the only way to pass their classes is by doing a lot of hard work.

"After working many hours on homework a day," said Pat Mulloy, social studies teacher, "the students will realize, in their grades, that the work really pays off."

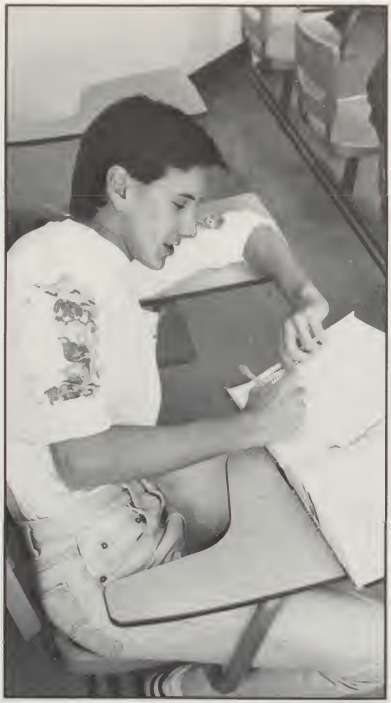
Nikki Modrak, senior, explained, "I have to work a little harder on my homework than usual because I have a job. I feel I work just as hard on my job as I do on my homework. I think both are really paying off. Good money and my grades are exceptional."

"At college, it is mandatory that you study each night. If you did not study, they would flunk you out of college. Learning to hard work now would just better prepare anyone for future school," Stated Susan Christoff, senior.

by LORI TUBBS

"I've had to work much harder, and it's paid off. I make much better grades now than what I started out with"

— **Debbie Hofferber**



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Intent on his homework, George Nicolich, junior, calculates his chemistry problems. Miles Dunscomb's Chemistry 3 & 4 class is taught in one of the few lecture halls.

McDermott, Megan
McNab, Sean
Mesarch, Matthew
Midgett, Joseph
Mkulko, Heidi
Mlevski, Julie
Mlisavljevich, Eric
Miller, Jeffery
Miller, Terri
Mollick, Helen

Moore, Karen
Mynes, Sammy
Nack, Dawn
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Nicolich, George
Nikolaj, John
Nix, Claudette
Novak, Scott
Nunez, Tina

Nuzza, Michael
Nuzza, Tammie
Oliver, Kenneth
Ongel, John Paul
Orlich, Samuel
Otterman, Richard
Owen, Roger
Pampalone, Michael
Pankiewicz, Ellen
Parker, Michael

Parks, Stacy
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Paswinski, Rachelle
Pavlau, Kristna
Pavnic, David
Payton, Erin
Pearcey, Veronica
Pearson, Dennis
Pearson, Melanie

Pennock, Tracy
Penzata, Jennifer
Perez, Roger
Perosky, Elizabeth
Peters, Heather
Peters, Kristine
Petsalis, Gus
Pfeifer, Patricia
Phillips, Eric
Phillips, Gerald

Pilatos, Irene
Pimental, Sherry
Pittman, Pamela
Plomaritis, Sharlene
Paponas, Amy
Puskar, Michele
Radoja, Nenad
Radu, Karen
Ramos, Kari
Raue, Paul

Reder, Steven
Regan, James
Reiter, Eric
Reinski, Randy
Reno, Chaundra
Rettig, Matthew
Riddle, Valerie
Riese, Michael
Riley, Deanna
Rimer, Lisa

Rivera, Christine
Rodriguez, Natalie
Rogers, Rebecca
Rondez, Edgar
Rosenbaim, Mark
Ross, Rob Ray
Rossie, Eric
Roush, Wilfred
Runhott, Kimberly
Runion, Vanessa

Russell, David
Ruszkiewicz, David
Sakaleros, Anastasios
Salyer, April
Samson, Michael
Santas, Michele
Sapper, Todd
Scheib, Jeffery
Schloterbeck, Vicki
Schoon, Daniel

Schrenker, Marc
Schulte, Mark
Seidle, John
Selagy, J.J.
Selby, Angela
Semen, Simone
Setlak, Alissa
Sharp, Gary
Shay, Steven
Shayotovich, Mark

Sheely, Christine
Sievers, Ciaran
Simpson, Scott
Sinkiewicz, Melissa
Sinkiewicz, Steven
Smith, Anthony
Smith, Jeffery
Smith, Karen
Smith, Kevin
Snowdin, Melissa

South, Jason
Specker, Michael
Spencer, James
St. Myers, Ronald
Stasak, Ronald
Stauffer, Julie
Stefanelli, Dan
Stefankiewicz, Matthew
Steininger, Andrew
Steininger, Rebecca

Stepp, Gregory
Stewart, Richard
Stragias, Angeline
Sullivan, James
Summers, Lance
Sutkowski, Kimberly
Svetcoff, Mark
Svetich, Kathina
Tabor, Tamara
Tam, Suzanne

Telszczak, Christine
Tellez, Victor
Thames, Trinette
Thayer, John
Thomas, David
Thompson, Christine
Todorovich, Nada
Tama, Kristin
Trajkovski, Albert
Trajkovski, Nick

Tripp, Laura
Trivette, Jennifer
Trpeski, Zoran
Tsai, Ming
Tubbs, Patti
Underwood, David
Urbanczyk, Candace
Van Scoyk, Mark
Vandusseldorp, Tammy
Veda, John

Vela, Michael
Vlahos, Faye
Vranskaski, Sylvana
Wachowiki, Joel
Walsh, Robert
Wapiennik, Larry
Warren, Barbara
Watson, Jerry
Weber, Margaret
Wiernzik, Victoria

Wilkerson, Jill
Wilson, John
Witt, Monica
Wlodarski, Kristine
Wojcik, Meridith
Woldt, Christine
Wright, Joel
Wrigley, Robert
Wroton, James
Wszalek, Keith

Yaggie, Joan
Yoeman, Brydon
Zapack, Mark
Zart, Kimberly
Zellers, Micheal
Zimmerman, Christopher

LEFT-HANDERS UNITE FOR RIGHTS

Simple tasks trouble some lefties

Was Adam left-handed?

Better yet, was Eve?

When the metaphorical mother of us all reached for the forbidden fruit, committing the original sin that led us to our everlasting banishment form Paradise, which hand did she use?

The book, *Sinister People* by Jack Fincher, raised a tough and controversial question. In fact, four artist including Michelangelo pictured Eve taking the apple with her left hand. Four other pictured just the opposite.

In a sense, left-handedness is a handicap.

Tim Barnes, left-handed sophomore, said "The hardest thing about being left-handed is trying to eat while right handed people are bumping into you."

Yet another question asked is "Left-handed in what?"

For instance, most cars are driven with the left hand. This is true because the right hand is used for switching gears, messing with the radio and adjusting the heat or air conditioning.

Tom Lopez, junior, stated, "When I go to roll down my window in the car, I put my right hand on the wheel, roll down my window with the other. Then I switch my left hand on the wheel again."

Considering right-handedness to mean right-hand in everything, only 7.5 percent of America's population would be "true" right-handers.

In baseball, a let-handed writer can catch with his right, throw with his left and bat on either his right or left side.

"Being left-handed makes it easy to play first base in baseball because your mit is closer to the base, and it's easier to tag someone," side Jon Massey, junior.

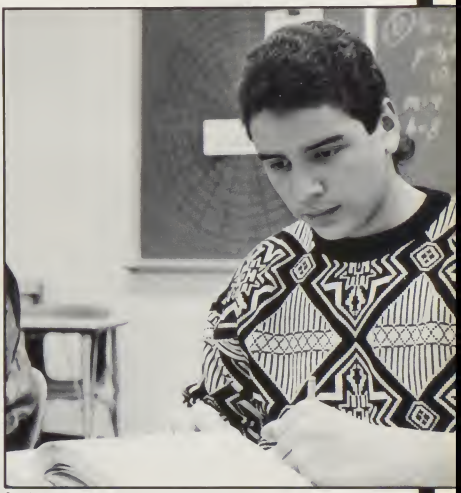
This shows an advantage of being left-handed, yet most left-handers see more of the disadvantages.

But, most of them have learned to adapt to this an "almost all right-handed society."

Mike Krutz, a left-handed teacher, said, "It's hard to write legible because I have a hard enough time anyway."

by NICOLE BARKASI

To avoid homework, Chris Herrera, junior concentrates on his algebra. Herrera is one of many left-handed students.



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SOPHOMORES

Were you intimidated by MHS as a sophomore?

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A long day of acting Kelly Fernandez, sophomore, rests on her books Joe, English teacher teaches this acting class second hour.

After school, Anna Smith, Kathy Peters, and Devan Herning, sophomores, relax while waiting for their bus. Most students dislike being called underclassmen and look forward to their senior year.

"Yes, I did feel a little intimidated at first because there were so many new faces." — **Mike Pappas**

"I wasn't intimidated at all because my sister had already been there for two years so I mostly knew what to expect. Also, I already knew a lot of people that went to the high school." — **Jeff Galka**

"I wasn't intimidated because I already knew a lot of people that attended the high school. I was sick of the junior high, so I was looking forward to a new school with different people." — **Mark Fryer**

"I felt a little intimidated because I rarely saw a lot of my friends because there's so many more people here then at the junior high. But I sort of knew what was expected because of my two older brothers. It was also exciting starting a new and larger school." — **Julie LaCoss**

"I think it was more or less excitement rather than intimidation. I knew there would be a lot of new people so I was really looking forward to it." — **Tammy Arena**

"I wasn't intimidated because I already knew a lot of people that went to the high school." — **Pete Kostur**

"Yes, I was intimidated. This was my first year at Merrillville, and the school I came from was much smaller." — **Chris Yagelski**

"I really wasn't that intimidated by the senior high because my older brother had already been there and told me all about it." — **Erin Bunda**

Abascal, Ronald
Ahlborn, Jodi
Anderson, Gayle
Arena, Tammy
Ashford, Anthony
Askren, Deborah
Atwood, Hilary
Baker, Eric
Baker, Jason
Bard, Randall

Barnes, Timothy
Barnett, Thomas
Barrett, Susan
Basile, Heidi
Bateman, Evonne
Bayer, Shawn
Beddome, Cathy
Bell, Heather
Bessier, Shelly
Betkowskii, Scott

Bagolia, Tracy
Bandra, Mark
Bawden, Shawn
Baznovski, George
Bridgewaters, David
Broda, Philip
Brown, Bobbie
Brown, Deanna
Brummet, Derrick
Bunda, Erin

Burnham, Tammy
Burns, Linda
Bush, Gina
Callahan, Daniel
Callahan, Julie
Cammarata, Melinda
Campbell, Michelle
Canchola, Martin
Carlisle, Danielle
Carpenter, Bryan

Carraro, Michele
Cavanaugh, Jennifer
Cavlovic, Tom
Celms, Tracie
Celona, William
Cochran, Michelle
Cannolly, Kimberly
Cook, Melissa
Creech, Jennifer
Croarkin, Elizabeth

Croarkin, Mark
Crumpton, Wendy
Cruz, Diana
Cruz, Joseph
Curran, Daniel
Dankanich, Steve
Dalkins, Kristin
Darnell, Gregory
Darnell, Jennifer
Darnell, Joseph

Davidson, Robert
DeHaven, Michael
Decas, Miguel
Del Real, Leopoldo
Delgado, Lisa
Depta, Sheryl
Desalch, Steve
Dittoe, Adam
Djinovich, Dragana
Doherty, Kristine

Dombrowsky, Michelle
Dowdy, Collin
Drinski, Kristine
Dukiesk, Stevco
Duvall, Anthony
Dwyer, Jeffrey
Eates, Matt
Eberle, Craig
Eby, Daniel
Eldridge Kim

Ely, Heather
Eucce, Richard
Evdokiou, Helen
Farmer, Cheryl
Favretto, Donna
Fedorchak, Carly
Fentress, Bradley
Fernandez, Kelly
Filuss, Marci
Fotinos, Lisa

Fought, Jennifer
Fryer, Mark
Gagoff, Daniel
Galka, Jeff
Gallegos, Michael
Galvan, Mucio
Garcia, Jose
Garza, Kathy

Geib, Howard
Geagetsiki, Kale
Gerlach, Elizabeth
Gill, Allen
Gilliam, Duane
Giggala, Elizabeth
Gilbota, Tina
Gonzalez, Monica

Goodman, Michael
Goodrich, Michelene
Goodwin, Jessica
Gose, Tammy
Gose, Tracy
Gourley, James
Grant, Carrie
Gregos, Ros

Croglath, Sandy
Guerrera, Lety
Gullen, Marc
Guzman, Daniel
Halaschak, Marco
Hamady, Jack
Hamilton, Jennifer
Harris, Dana

Harris, Stacy
Hatzitheodorou, Emanuel
Hatzitheodorou, Phil
Hawkins, Allison
Hebert, Diane
Heming, Devin
Hernandez, Brian
Hess, Ryan

Hickok, Cliff
Hicks, Scott
Higgins, Burkie
Hill, Amy
Hill, Jennifer
Hilliard, Christopher
Holbrook, Jeffrey
Holloway, Anthony

Hong, Henry
Hopper, Heather
Haselleid, Eugene
Huddleston, James
Hundalt, David
Hyndman, William
Hytche, Sharon
Ilievski, Fanny

Ilijevski, Dejan
Ivey, Robert
Jackson, Rhonda
Jackson, Sherry
Jaksic, Jovan
Jamrok, Eric
Jamroz, Wayne
Janiszewski, Joseph

Jansen, Genta
Jelinek, Jill
Jenkins, Kevin
Jimenez, Camille
Johnson, Michael
Johnson, Veronica
Jonceski, Zoran
Jones, Scott

LONG-DISTANCE ROMANCE

Sometimes they work, sometimes they don't

"Hey, where are you from?"

"Merrillville."

"I'm from Crown Point. Can I have your phone number?"

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F[illegible]a Murray, se[illegible]g her boyfri[illegible]or almost eig[illegible]hat a relati[illegible]me from a di[illegible]be too ha[illegible]d, "We talk [illegible] weekday, a[illegible]eekend, so we are able to still be very close."

Jenny Erfurth, junior, said that having a boyfriend from a different school can be difficult, but it usually is not a problem.

"It's easier to date someone from a different school than to date someone you see everyday, because you get sick of them easier," said Erfurth.

Becky Rogers, junior, said, "My relationship with a guy from Purdue did not last because I could not cope with the fact he might have been dating someone else."

Yet, other students are able to handle their relationships that are long distance.

"We wrote a ton of letters, and we called each other constantly while he was away at college," stated Kerri Evanyo, junior.

It seems that the important thing in a long-distance relationship is to keep faith and to keep in touch.

by SUSAN LYTLE

Romance. Talking about her boyfriend from Hobart is Jackie Horwell, senior, with her friend Cori Shapkaroff, sophomore. Many students dated teens from other schools.

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THIN IS IN

Exercise, diets help students lose unwanted pounds

"That has too many calories for me. I'm on a diet!"

Statements like these have become a part of everyday life.

Dieting is a phobia with many students.

It is especially popular with females who do not actually need to shed the weight. "My life is one big diet," confessed Ann Sikora, seniors.

Students diet for many different reasons. "I diet to feel better about myself," said Judi Edgerton, senior, "the less I eat, the more energetic I seem to feel."

Becky Stewart, senior, added, "I have to diet because I always buy my pants one size to small. This motivates me to lose the weight so that I can wear my pants."

Often, weight loss is not necessary, but it seems like the thing to do.

Along with females, there are some males who follow diets. "I had to diet for wrestling," says Lance Summers, junior.

"I had to in order to get down to my weight class," he added.

When asked what he thought of the phobia among girls, Joe Kumstar, junior, replied, "It drives me nuts."

It is stupid. There is no reason for it," added Kevin Banashak, junior.

There are different foods to eat and methods to follow in order to shed unwanted pounds. Popular foods among the dieting crowd are fruits, vegetables and yogurt.

The salad bar had become popular for dieters. Sugar-free sodas are also very popular.

Susie Utley, said, "Diet pop tastes OK, and it is less fattening. I don't feel quite as guilty when I drink it."

Leslie Osoba, senior, said that starvation is the best method, "It is the only way for me," she claimed, "it is too hard to stick with a regular diet."

Some students take the time to work out at health clubs while others go to places, such as "Slender You," where machines actually do the exercise for them.

Dieting has become a craze. Students find more reasons to diet everyday. Although methods are different, the end results are the same. Dieting seems to be the thing to do.

by CINDY HYDINGER

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Hungry? During lunch, Herb Hippie, junior, puts salad dressing on his salad while Jason Riese, sophomore, waits his turn. Students on diets have a chance to go through the salad bar line instead of buying a regular lunch.

Carefully, Erin Bunda, sophomore, eats her taco for lunch. Students have many choices of what main course they can eat for lunch.

Jones, Tara
Kadlec, Stacy
Kansfield, Nicholas
Kathcart, Sharon
Keever, Nikki
Kenney, Janice
Kepshire, Anna
Kerr, Jennifer
Kierzkowski, Marlene
Kirk, Linda

Kissinger, Jeffery
Klasner, Jennifer
Knofelz, Karen
Kostur, Nevenka
Kostur, Petar
Kovacevic, Kelly
Krajnak, Tricia
Kramer, Joe
Krol, Lisa
Kurowski, Kathleen

Lach, Kevin
LaCoss, Julie
Lagerstrom, Eric
Lambrecht, Catherine
Layman, Jeffery
Leeper, Jennifer
Levenson, Kristie
Lewis, Donna
Liebenthal, John
Locke, Craig

Loda, Robyn
Lopez, Carlos
Lopez, Dorene
Luebcke, Jeff
Luedtke, Heidi
Lynch, Tracie
Mabon, Lashawn
Mackulak, Michelle
Mahoffey, Cheryl
Malavolto, Marcello

Mallory, Jason
Maloney, Pam
Manojlovic, Denny
Mareochen, Rachel
Mannelli, Erika
Manno, Susan
Markle, James
Markus, Susan
Marshall, Christopher
Martin, Jill

Martin, Scott
Massow, James
Mavroncles, Paul
Maxey, Matthew
Mayersky, Rick
Mazur, Susan
Mc Brayer, Carrie
Mc Brayer, Greg
McCary, Tracie
McDougall, Maureen

McIvenna, Timothy
McKinney, Heather
Medwin, Dianna
Mendoza, Michael
Meyer, Tracy
Meyers, Christopher
Michael, Melanie
Mick, Joel
Minaich, Steven
Miles, Trac

Miler Marcy
Minninger, William
Mitchell Julia
Modlowski, Brian
Moke, Stacy
Moore, Scott
Morales, Raymon
Murray, Amanda
Myers, Steven
Naumoski, Christina

Navarro, Tony
Navarro, Thomas
Nawrocki, Virginia
Nes Scott
Nelson, Eric
Nicksic Mark
Nieto, Daniel
Nixon, James
Novello, Nicole
O'Connell Daniel

IN THE MOOD

Comfortable clothes make high school bearable

Have you ever woke up and knew it was going to be one of those days.

Do you remember what you wore to school that day? You probably dressed like you felt.

In the 80's many teenagers dress to fit their mood. This can sometimes explain why students wear such ratty clothes. They simply say, "I woke up late," or "I felt terrible this morning."

Lisa Herbert, junior, said, "If I'm tired I wear jeans and a sweatshirt, but if I wake up in a good mood I dress up. She added, "I always try to wear clothes that I feel comfortable in."

Some students plan what they're going to wear in advance. This is true with most of the girls because they usually don't have time in the morning to figure out what they are going to wear.

Debbie Hofferber, junior, stated, "I usually lay out three different outfits, and then I choose which one I'm going to wear when I get up."

On certain days students like to wear leisurely clothes.

Tina Hunt, junior, commented, "I wear sweats when I know I have cheerleading practice so I don't have to change."

Chaundra Reno, junior, said, "I wear comfortable clothes when I have tests."

This is common among many of the students at MHS. They feel that they can do better on tests if they feel at ease.

Most athletes have a certain dress code on days of games and meets. The basketball team is given "M" embroidered sweaters that they must wear on days of games. Other teams order their own shirts.

The athletic handbook says that on days of away events the athlete must wear a presentable outfit.

Athletes that have practice before school sometime have their own style.

Scott Hamilton, senior swimmer, said, "I wear whatever I happen to grab." He added, "At 4:30 in the morning it's hard to find clothes at all, let alone ones that match."

Phil Boldyn, senior, said, "I wear whatever my mom puts out for me."

by ROD KASER

Seen in the hallway during class Kelly Geib, senior, and Pam Mailoney, sophomore, take their chances to stop and chat. Many students wear clothes to reflect how they feel that day.

O'Donley, Melinda
Olesnik, Michael
Ondrovch, Jeffery
O'Neil, Patricia
Ooms, Brian
Orosz, Lisa
Otterman, Suze
Owen, Michele
Oxley, Gary
Pallo, Christopher

Pampalone, Angela
Pappas, Michael
Parker, Faith
Parpart, Randall
Paska, Todd
Pastor Greg
Paul, Jodi
Paviopoulos, Peter
Pendosky, Edward
Perasky, Stephen

Perry, Eric
Perry, Selena
Peters, Catherine
Peyton, Daniel
Philips, Nicole
Philips, Wendy
Picard, Tammy
Pshkur, Jimmy
Punh, Brian
Piomantis, Danny

Pochop, Karen
Polak, Michael
Powell, Jennifer
Pruett, Thomas
Quinn, Jason
Rachford, Jeffery
Ramos, Justin
Rasiboch, Christopher
Repar, Paul
Rese, Jason

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Rios, Jose
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Rivera, Wilfredo
Rodriguez, Steve
Root, Scott
Rosas, Angela
Rose, James
Rose, Shea

Rosiak, Kristine
Russell, Julie
Sabo, Kari
Sacca, Amy
Salomon, Christopher
Salvers, Roger
Sample, James
Samson, Shannon
Sanok, David
Santeramo, Amanda

Santiago Peter
Santos, Joseph
Schaefer, Jeremiah
Schneider, John
Schulatz, Andrew
Schultze, Edward
Schwarzrt, Penelope
Scaville, Carrie
Scrivnor, Jay
Scrivnor, Jon

Sell, Lorene
Setmayer, Jennifer
Shapkaroff, Cori
Shapley, Robert
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Sherwood, Shawn
Shoback, Kimberly
Shultz, Andrew
Sikora, Patricia
Sine, Debbie

Skoutezis, Mary
Skrundz, Tina
Slyk, Michael
Smith, Anna
Smith, Sharon
Smith, Theodore
Snerns, Kari
Snow, Jacki
Sohacki, Robert
Sopczak, Daniel

Sorchevch, Misty
Spencer, Michael
Spitz, Christina
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Stasak, Mark
Stevanovic, Branka
Stover, Chaun
Suleski, Natasha
Sullivan, Steven

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Szymanski, Jason
Szymaszek, Amy
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Teel, Lisa
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Terry, John
Thele, Michele

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Turley, Shawn
Turner, Frank
Turner, Kennard
Urso, Nick
Valsi, Eric
Vanderhuuk, Tim
Vargo, Candace
Vazquez, Vanessa

Vespo, Rachelle
Vlasic, Jennifer
Vassos, Vasilios
Vranskaski, Elaina
Vranskaski, Helen
Wagner, Tracy
Walia, Jeanette
Wardell, Jennifer
Warner, David

Warran, Jay
Wenger, Michelle
Wetley, David
Wesley, Amy
Wieser, Brenda
Williams, Douglas
Williams, Nakishia
Williams, Terry
Wilson, Lisa

Wittfong, Margo
Wood, Sheila
Wood, Tricia
Wothke, Tammy
Yagelski, Chris
Yagelski, Jennifer
Yaggie, Paul
Young, Tamara
Yugo, Michael

Yura, Keith
Yurchak, Susan
Yurko, Lawrence
Zakutansky, Joseph
Zawacki, Becky
Zeha, Jonathan
Zemplias, Harry
Zinkovich, Brent
Zolodz, Stanley

Zygmunt, Jennifer









BOREDOM BLUES

Many factors cause students to sleep in class

While walking down the hallway and seeing students' heads covering the desks, one may wonder if they are sleeping.

Are these students sleeping from boredom? Some reasons include — "It's Monday," "It's last hour," or It's Friday."

Julie Shatkowski, senior, commented, "The teachers are boring, and they lack the ability to keep our interest in class. They don't talk to us at our level. Things we want in class."

"It is hard to keep all students interested in class. Some students may be more accelerated and find the class too slow for them. Therefore, they tend to drift off during class," said Mike Barton, senior.

Melanie Book, senior, stated, "I keep myself occupied and awake in class by doodling."

Also, teachers talking the whole hour with the same tone of voice can become very boring.

What keeps students attention and interest in class?

"The way the teachers present the material in class can have an effect on the students. If the voice is monotone, students loose interest. And if they're more exciting, students stay interested," explained Dorothy Kapitan, senior.

Pat Mulloy, social studies teacher, commented, "Since government is a required course, if they don't pass the class, they either have to go to summer school or night school to graduate. I try to bring in current issues to make it more relevant. I try not to take myself too seriously."

by MISSY GAYDA

To pass the time, a lazy student sleeps during Quest class. Students often sleep in class because of late night cramming of jobs.

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Juniors Not Pictured

Bolog, Joe
Bowman, Travis
Bricker, Dean
Bryann, Kevin
Bustos, Ricardo
Carnell, Joe
Dunscombe, Matthew
Hecker, David
Koumo, Anastasia
Mireles, Joseph
Manyak, Eric
Moore, Donna
Neol, Elijah
Pendergrass, Julie
Powers, David
Rayborn, Foyth
Rosa, Jose
Sample Eddie
Sandin Terri
Schoon, John
Smith, Kristen
Thomas, Michelle
Topor, Todd
Underwood David
Urbano, Daniel
Vigland, Robert
West Joseph
Widop, Nina
Wilson, Timothy
Wirtz, Christopher

Sophomores Not Pictured

Borman, Christine
Burt, Nigel
Commons, Ruth
Conn, Robert
Cruz, Diana
Decos, Miguel
Flamme, Tammy
Flynn, David
Fotinos, Lisa
Kolsopoulos, Krissy
Kouma, Vicky
Monroe, Kary
Muha, Michael
Neckovich, Robert
Piekarczyk, Robert
Radats, Donna
Sandoyo, Amarius
Shepfock, John
Shnikowski Danny
Wengel, Jason

MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

Three teachers seek new challenges after retirement

At the end of the 1987-88 school year, MHS will be losing three members of their teaching staff, Grace Bovard, business teacher, Dan Mochan, physical education teacher, and Caroline Tipton, physical education teacher.

These teachers have taught at MHS for many years. "This is my 40th year, and I'm really proud of my record," stated Mrs. Bovard.

"Mr. Bovard is retiring, too. He has been in the Merrillville School System for 37 years, which makes our total together about 77 years," added Mrs. Bovard.

"This is my 25th year. It will be hard to leave after 25 years of teaching here," revealed Mr. Molchan. "I graduated from MHS, too."

"So far, I haven't been able to realize that it will be my last year. It has been just too busy," added Mrs. Bovard.

While teaching at MHS, there have been many memorable moments. "My most memorable moment at MHS has got to be the time when I was coaching football. We beat Hobart 42 to something when Hobart was ranked fifth in state, and we weren't even ranked," stated Mr. Molchan.

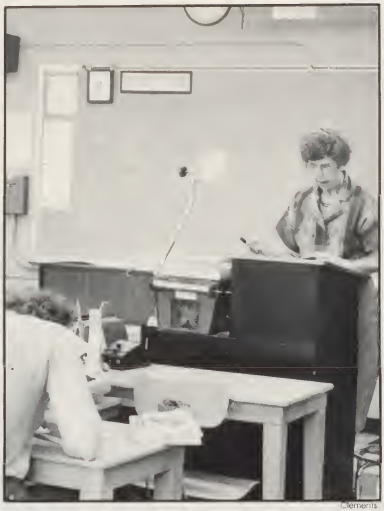
"I have had many moments here at MHS, but I will never forget being snowbound in the school with my husband and about 30 other students for three days," revealed Mrs. Bovard.

Students who have had the retiring teachers also regret their leaving.

Jovan Jaksic, sophomore, stated, "Mr. Molchan is cool. He seems to understand his students. It's too bad that he is retiring."

Laurie Kowal, senior, stated, "I have had Mrs. Bovard for a class. She's a real nice teacher."

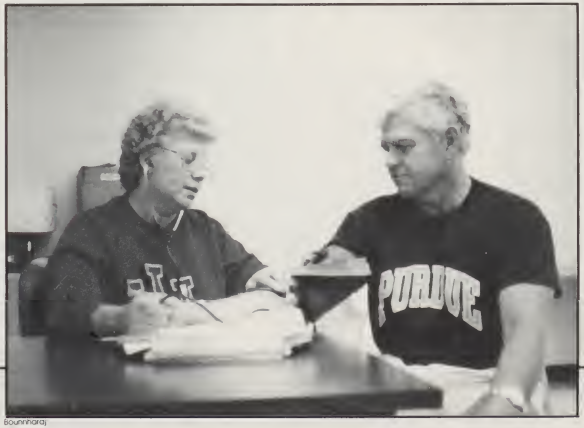
by KRISTINA KOSTUR



Clements

As her class takes notes, Grace Bovard, business teacher, instructs. Mrs. Bovard retired after 40 years as a typing, shorthand and accounting teacher.

Taking Coach Dan Molchan's blood pressure is school nurse Delores Poxen. After 25 years as a coach, the Merrillville graduate and All-American retired.



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BIG TEN ZEBRA

Assistant principal enjoys weekend officiating

Everyone has watched a football game and, for one reason or another, screamed at an official. Without knowing it, you could have been screaming at Tom Herbert, assistant principal.

Mr. Herbert has been an official for 19 years. He began officiating basketball and football when he graduated from college in 1969.

His basketball experience includes two high school sectionals and one regional. He still serves as a football official for the Big Ten Conference.

"I began officiating right out of college in 1969. I gave up basketball when I became athletic director," said Mr. Herbert.

Mr. Herbert has been a Big Ten official since 1977. He credits a league in suburban Chicago for helping him become a Big Ten official.

"You have to put in a Big Ten application, but working the Chicago Catholic League helped me. It's a strong league in the suburbs, plus I worked with the Big Ten officials," said Mr. Herbert.

One does not jump from high school to big time college refereeing right away.

"The conference starts by assigning you to smaller games. My first one was a Wisconsin-Northern Illinois game in 1975. Two years later, I moved to the conference," said Mr. Herbert.

An official is always striving to improve on his past performance by studying films before each game.

"On Friday, we get together and review films to study positioning and review calls. On Saturday, we arrive at 10 a.m. to study mechanics, positioning and interpret rules."

He continued, "Football is a major rules sport. It's not like basketball where it's mostly reflexes."

Mr. Herbert positions himself in the middle of the field for each play. Being positioned there, coaches are no problem, players are.

"My biggest problem is trying to break up fights between two 6'7" or 6'8", 300-pound players. I'm either trying to get in or trying to duck out of the way," said Mr. Herbert.

Every official has a favorite place to officiate, Mr. Herbert has his favorites, too. One of them is Purdue University.

"I like Purdue because it has the conference's only grass field, plus I get to see a lot of people I know," said Mr. Herbert.

Another favorite is the University of Michigan.

"The chill that goes down your back when the band runs out of the tunnel playing the Michigan fight song and 105,000 people in the stands is incredible," said Mr. Herbert.

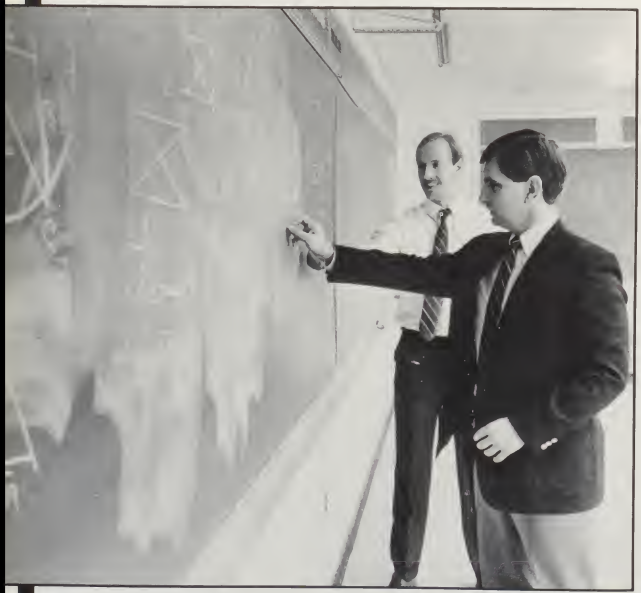
Working in the 1984 Rose Bowl ranks as Mr. Herbert's biggest career highlight.

"Working in the 1984 Rose Bowl was a fantastic highlight. It wasn't a great game, but I still had a great time," said Mr. Herbert.

Another career highlight occurred during an Iowa-Wisconsin game, when an Iowa receiver ran into the goal post.

"An Iowa receiver ran into the goal post, and I was standing over his laid-out body. It made all of the blooper films," said Mr. Herbert.

by RICH PAIGE



Schrenker

In addition to his responsibilities as assistant principal, Tom Herbert, teaches geometry. Mr. Herbert worked with Tom Peller, math teacher, and taught his third hour class.

Mary Kay Jefferies, foreign language, Spanish Club sponsor
Jerry Kasarda, English, Quest Club sponsor
Barbara Koby, English

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Cheryl Nash, English

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Merrillville High School Administration — Tom Herbert, assistant principal, Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, principal, Frank O'Shea, dean of students

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HELPING HANDS

Senior volunteers share knowledge with others

"I think the program is beneficial in getting additional help which will indirectly help students. At the same time, it gives people with a variety of skills a chance to assist in the educational programs at MHS," stated Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, principal.

A new program has started called the Senior Citizen Volunteer Program. The program was started by Dr. Rapacz and nine senior citizens participated in the program.

Letters were sent out to those who had a senior citizen pass for activities, and those who were interested responded. Several others have begun to take interest in volunteering.

The volunteers work in various departments, such as the library, athletic department, teacher's aide room and main office.

"The initial group of volunteers has a wide variety of backgrounds, including former teachers and people with retail, clerical and cafeteria experience," said Dr. Rapacz.

Maggie Roos was one of the nine volunteers. She spent most of her time in the guidance department.

Mrs. Roos has completed several tasks for the guidance department, such as reorganizing the college library, collating notes for juniors and filing papers.

"Her efforts are indispensable to this office. Her initiative and industriousness has made our job a lot easier," stated Shirley Matysiak, guidance counselor.

"I had no idea what went on behind the scenes in the high school, and now I have a much better understanding," Mrs. Roos stated.

Mrs. Roos said high schools today have less strict discipline.

"I remember a girl who wore bright red nail polish to school every day and was always sent home to take it off. We wore saddle oxfords and had to make sure they were perfectly clean and white to wear to school," stated Mrs. Roos.

Mrs. Roos enjoyed the time she volunteered. She averaged about 15 hours of her time each week.

"I am a widow, senior citizen. I have three grandchildren in college. They have their own lives, and I like to work with students," said Mrs. Roos.

Mrs. Roos said that everyone was friendly and outgoing and made her feel welcome.

"I only wish more people would volunteer to help. It fills the need here and for themselves too," Mrs. Roos commented.

Dr. Rapacz said, "My hope is that once the program is more fully developed, volunteers will be able to work in departmental offices and eventually directly with students."

"Because of the grants that have been wiped out, the school needs help. I figure I can give two hours of my help each week," stated Marie McHenry, volunteer.

As many others have, Mrs. McHenry found out about the program through word of mouth. The program ran for a nine-week period in which each volunteer decided whether they wanted to continue to volunteer their services. The program ran the entire school year and continued through the summer.

by TRACY WIKSE

In the main office, Maggie Roos, volunteer, keeps things in order. Senior citizen volunteers helped secretaries on a weekly basis.

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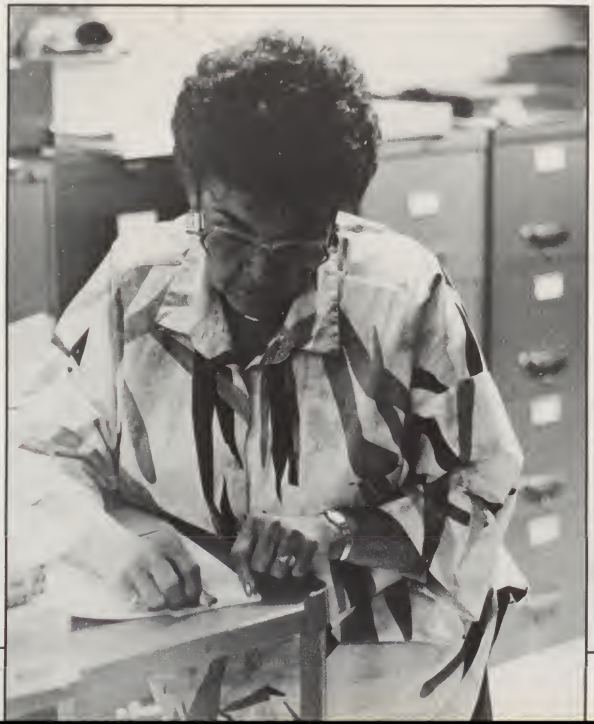



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IN THE POCKET

Money

Satisfying our hungry appetites after games or student events, Noble Roman's seems to be the place for pizza and gathering. It also has many student employees who work for extra spending money or college savings.

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Designer jeans never seem to fade, the legend of blue jeans continues. In fact, after purchasing the basic blue jean, designer came out with stone-washed, ice-washed, a parent's favorite, ripped jeans. The cost can be as simple as $15 for basic Levi's (on sale) to the outrageous $80 (or more) for the famous-maker label. Claiborn, Guess and 401 jeans continue to gain popularlity. The fad of the 60's lives on in the 80's.

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Cutting, blow drying, perming and styling are just a few qualities that help us to look good. Appearance is a quality everyone seems to take pride in. The Hair Affair has many student customers whose hair style reflects their individual personality.

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401 jeans continue to gain popularity. The fad of the 60's lives on in the 80's.

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Burger King Restaurant is one of the many fast food hamburger places in Merrillville. Merrillville has the largest number of restaurants in the state of Indiana.

Carlson

Clements

Hard at work, Mike Depta, senior, prepares a pizza at Noble Roman's. Noble's was a favorite to many students.

Many students get their hair done at the Hair Affair. Becky Zawacki, sophomore, sits patiently as Doreen puts the finishing touches on her new hairstyle.

Food, glorious food! Monica Noel, senior, decides on which delicious dish to order at Samara's Lums.

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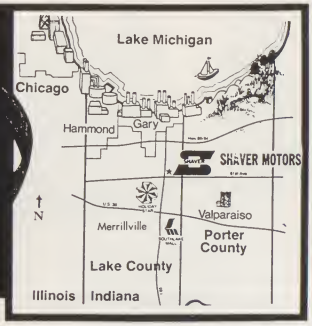

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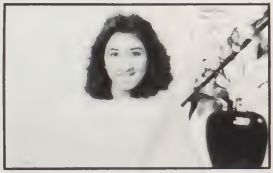

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KATHLEEN SINAR

Artificial Energy

'Pep Pills' Gain Popularity

Awake? It's 7:42 a.m. as students drag into their classrooms. Many students need a little lift to stay awake during school.

"Vivarin", "Pep up" and other caffeine pills are used to keep people attentive in class.

"I take caffeine pills because I work real late shifts, and when I get up in the morning, I'm tired," stated Marsha Bennett, senior.

Becoming addicted to these caffeine pills could be harmful to your health. Bennett added, "I do not think I will become addicted because I only take them when necessary."

"It seems that most people use pills correctly and are under control," stated Vicki D'Asto, senior.

"On the other hand, there are those who do not realize the harmful aspect of these pills and should try a good night's sleep instead of relying on pep pills. An overdose of these pills can be more harmful than the consequences of falling asleep in class," stated Rich Paige, senior.

by MIKKI DUDAK

Most drug stores carry several of these pick-me-up pep pills. Some students use these pep pills in an urgent need of staying awake to study for exams or tests.

REAL vs. SILK

Students turn to silk for Prom

Prom--the last major event of the school year next to graduation of course. It's an occasion that takes weeks to prepare for and involves a million decisions.

One of those vital decisions is deciding whether or not to have real or silk flowers.

Many girls prefer silk flowers so that they can keep them.

Genta Jansen, sophomore, stated, "I'd much rather have silk flowers because I'd want to keep them to remember such a special evening."

However, not all girls feel the same way.

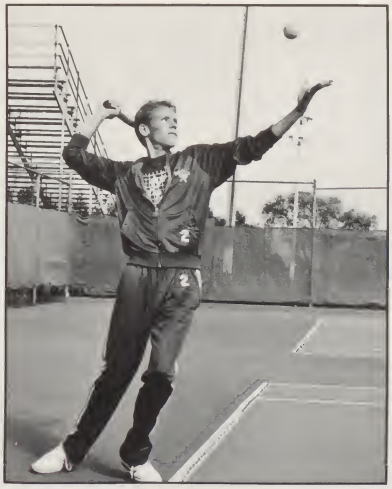
Tracy Wikse, senior, commented, "I would prefer to have real flowers because they're much more traditional. Also, there are other things that you can keep to remember prom."

Although silk flowers are much more expensive, many will agree that it's worth it to be able to keep one of the most memorable accessories of you life.

by AMY PETRITES

While shopping at Lee Wards, Scott Reder, senior, and Rae Renner, senior, look for silk flowers. Purchasing flowers was one of the many things that had to be done in order to prepare for Prom.

Perfect position is mandatory for Mike Lind, junior, while practicing for an upcoming tennis match. Tennis requries a lot of hard work and dedication.



Taking off the garter of Prom Queen Melinda Burkhart, junior, is Scott Scheffer. Traditions, such as removing the garter, electing a queen, and the Grand March, are favorites of all who attend the Prom.

Best of luck to the Class of '88

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POCKET CHANGE

Mom, jobs provide 'cash in the hand'

"Mom, can I borrow a few bucks from you? I'm sorta short on cash this week."

Who isn't?

Every student needs money for whatever reason; however, not every student goes about getting it the same way.

Kimbra Highsmith, senior, commented, "I get my money from my mom for spending money and to get the things that I want. But I still need a job, so I can pay for the things that my mom won't buy me."

Many students agree that a job is essential in order to have money at all times. Bill Truitt, senior, stated, "I just quit my job to start training for wrestling. Now, when I need money, I have to ask my mom. When I was working, I had cash in my pocket all the time."

Partying is also a major fund. Students need money to pay for their gas on Friday and Saturday nights and also to "grab a bite to eat" maybe later on.

Billy Gomez, senior, stated, "I get my money from where I work, which is Jansen's Landing. Because in high school, everybody needs a job to party on their free time."

Come the weekend though, everyone manages to scrape up a few "dineros" somehow. Camile Kearby, senior, commented, "I make sure I always have money by the weekend, whether I have to ask my mom or save up my lunch money."

BY AMY PETRITES

When business isn't too busy, Jeff Kolodzinski, senior, keeps up with maintenance. Sometimes jobs can take away time from a student's extracurricular activities.

Bounnharaj

GETTING THE BLUES

Jeans Still Everyone's Favorite

From button-fly styles to ice-washed denim, blue jeans remain dominant in fashion.

The popularity of demin fashions may be attributed to their versatility.

"I wear jeans because they're comfortable to hang out in, and they match anything I wear," commented Jerry Phillips, junior.

Another advantage of blue jeans is comfort.

"Jeans are comfortable because they move with you and fit like a second skin," stated Heidi Basile, sophomore.

Many styles of jeans are worn simply for fashion.

"Pair them up with a crummy sweatshirt, and you've got it made. You're a slob, but you're in fashion!" added Cathy Marks, senior.

Jeans can very in price from $10 for "Toughskins" to $80 for "Guess" jeans.

Each generation has created original ways to wear jeans, from the hip-huggers of the Sixties to the baggy and tapered looks of today.

"I feel that blue jeans have survived because they make a fashion statement," said Bill Zaikos, senior.

by LARA BUCKS

All washed up! Jeans are a big part in many fashion wardrobes. Acid, stone, and snow washed added a new dimension to typical denim.

Dr. Aldo M. Largura and his staff are ready to help students. Many see Dr. Largura for their orthodontic needs.

Small Talk

Arrested

"What an exhilerating feeling. Scarey, yes. But the first thought is parents. Oh-no! I'm dead."

— Korri Frekot

Beach parties

"Spending Friday and Saturday nights running from beach patrol. Making it home in 8.2 minutes. When you were due home an hour ago, only to be grateful it wasn't towed."

— Susan Lytle

Photos/Schrenker

All wrapped up Cara Carrabine and Rob Schultz, seniors, race to finish off the toilet paper roll to win the contest at the senior lock-in. The lock-in was a great success sponsored by Student Council.

Taking a break, Todd Sapper, Kent Thayer, Angela Selby and Meagan McDermott, juniors, sit on the bleachers to look through the program. All home football games are played on Demaree football field.

Church lady

"It was Saturday when I first heard those famous words that were re-stated and used for years to come. And if you had Mrs. Thompson, this phrase will never die. 'Isn't that special'."

— Mikki Dudak

Dirty Dancing

"The movie became a smash hit as it skyrocketed hearthrob Patrick Swayze to success. The movie also provided some 'dirty' dance moves."

— Cindy Hydinger

Expansion

"It's neat how this school is changing with the times, even though we won't be here. But maybe our kids will."

— Debbie Galka

Rolling clay, Jennifer Darnell, sophomore, works on her ceramic project. The last few years at MHS have brought about an increasing enrollment to art classes.

In economics class, Andy Govert, senior, works on his econ workbook. Seniors are required to take econ and government classes for graduation.

Photos/Schrenker

Fencing

"Why not? It's time to expand our athletic department, after all we need to draw fans to athletic performances."
— Collen Collins

Grounded

"Speaking from experience, many students get grounded for a variety of things. Parents think it's a form of punishment."
— Heather Kirk

Small Talk

Haunted House

"Eeeek! They're soooo scarey! And it gives you an excuse to grab on to your boyfriend."
— Tammy Tabor

Inxs

"I remember in 7th grade some friends and I went to see Adam Ant. At that time, we had no idea who INXS was, and they were the opening act. Ever since, they've been one of my favorite groups."
— Missy Gayda

Jobs

"As long as your employer is lenient with letting you off, a job is a great thing to have during school. The extra money is great."
— Krista Lewin

Small Talk

K-Mart

"You casually enter the store and refasten your velcro straps. Then, you hear the announcement. Don't panic — stay calm! Lower your shades to lessen the intensity of the flashing blue light and make a mad dash for the men's underwear department. BVD's three for a dollar."

— Michelle Musser

Last day

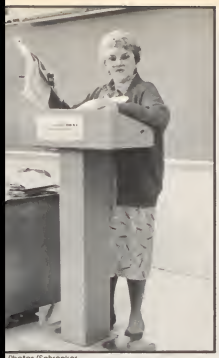
"It was incredible. There were mixed emotions, but I think everyone was happy. As for the night, I worked so it was unsatisfactory."

— Tom Brooks

Money

"Some people have it, and some people don't. I just wish I was one of those who have it. Well, some day."

— Rich Paige



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Teachers participate in Homecoming activities. Dorothy Thompson, English teacher, wears band-aids to show her spirit on bandage day.

Putting new faces in their clocks are John Kark and Hank Lorenz, seniors. Wood shop students use their creativity to make different projects.

No nonsense

"Blah, blah, gag, oogle, nymplich --- hah! Hee, hee, hah hah, vrom, bibble, blearggh, guffaw, boogoge, blip kapowe. Zshing gleep zappo bappo! How's that for nonsense?"

— Joy Bridy

Open house

"It's more than just a party for your relatives and friends. It's a sign of things to come; a way of looking back while you walk forward."

— Lara Buck

Small Talk

Purple parking

"The Student Council's purple parking spot was a good fund raiser. I tried to win the space in the back lot, but I was never very lucky."
— Sue Bounnharaj

Questioning policies

"The 1988 class should not have been punished for last year's commencement. Why did we suffer for someone else's behavior?"
— Kathy Clements

Riffed

"How can MHS get rid of some of its finest teachers. No one works harder than the six teachers who were released. They work hard at bringing students a better education."
— Tony Aznar

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Schrenker

Congratulations. Dr. Robert Schrenker shakes hands with Jeff Dian, senior, as he receives his diploma. Sherman Lewis, director of guidance, and Linda Davis, senior counsior, read the names of each graduate as they approach the platform.

Proud to be a senior, Lisa Marovich gives her thoughts about the days activities. Many of the seniors were excited to get started with their lives in the "real world."

Speech

"Sometimes it was scarey, and sometimes it was informative. But, most of all, I learned how to talk in complete sentences. It was THE BEST!"
— Shannon O'Brien

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"Ski trips, Spring Break in Florida what a year! Students walked, flew, and biked everywhere. I can't understand why? Merrillville is so fun!
— Lori Tubbs

Ultra-violet

"Having a tan looks better on everyone. Ultra-violet rays are a blessing for people who want a deep, dark, native-looking tan."
— Kristina Kostur

Vending machines

"Valiant vagabonds vehemently venture. Vogue vamps viciously veer. The vain vending machine is victorious again."
— Cindi Geeze

Weekends

"The weekend is what keeps me going. But now that I've graduated, every day will be a weekend."
— Cindy Vandermolen

Small Talk

X-rated

"X is for xylophone. X is for Xavior Univeristy where I'm going to watch X-rated movies and study xylems."
— Sheryl Krmpotich

Y and W

"Otherwise known as the 'Passion Pit,' everyone must experience the drive-in syndrome of never watching the movie. However, I go with friends to have a great time."
— Lisa Herbert

Zygmunt

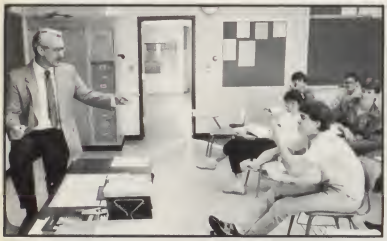
"They saved the best for last. What more can I say. Let's PARTY."
— Carolyn Zygmunt

Words turned into **ACTION**

"Easier said than done," not at MHS. "If it was said it WAS done." It was a year of input and feedback. Things worked by cooperation, planning and new ideas.

As things were brought to a close, students "say so" seemed to hit home throughout clubs and committees. A great deal of planning took place with seniors and Dr. Daniel Rapacz, principal, in organizing the commencement ceremonies.

Academics seemed to be getting pushed aside until the announcement of final exams week. The final stretch was more like just leaving the blocks for some. The effort was there; we gave it our best.



Spring sports rallied into the competitive play of sections, which brought success back to MHS.

Almost time to go Richard Hill, math teacher, gets one more lecture in. Finals were given on June 1 and 2.

To take a break from finals week, Chris Zimmerman, junior, goes outside to enjoy the nice weather. The weather distracted many students as the school year came to a close.

Running her leg of the regional qualifying 1600-yard relay team is Tamara Picard, sophomore. Several teammates qualified for sectionals as well as distance and field events.

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WHAT YOU WANT! Say

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In the excitement of getting her cap and gown, Kim Miles, senior, tries her cap on. This is one fo the first things seniors do after receiving their caps and gowns.

Said and DONE

Through it all, we made the 1987-88 school year what we wanted, by putting in all that we had.

As the cheers echoed throughout the football stadium at graduation, seniors left many memories, challenging times and exciting ties with friends and teachers.

We said what we wanted; we reached for all that we achieved.

We made MHS a part of each of us through all that was "said and done."

BY COLLEEN COLLINS

WHAT YOU WANT! Say

The theme **"Say What You Want"** said exactly what the 1987-88 school year was all about. Everyone was a part in their actions, their opinions as well as their ideas.

From the student's input on the plans for renovation to begin in 1988, to the prom committees, to those involved in the organization of the senior lock-in and to the controversial issue of the graduation ceremonies for the Class of '88.

Although our opinions were not always right, at least our thoughts and ideas were considered. All in all it was a year of events based on the actions of us — the students.

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COLOPHON — The 1988 **Merrillvue** had a press run of 1000 copies. The books were printed by Jostens in Topeka, Kansas.

The yearbook consists of 216 pages with 16 pages in full color. The body copy is in 10 pt. Palatino justified. Captions are 12 pt. initial letter in Avant Garde Bold and 8 pt. Avante Garde.

Headlines are Palatino, Avant Garde and their emphasis faces.

Graduated screens were used throughout the opening and student life sections.

The cover design was created by a Jostens artist and Colleen Collins. The cover material is Special Order Gray 41098 with a cord grain. An applied color Gray 353, and Purple Foil was used.

The endsheets are in Snow White 395.

Silhouettes in academics were done by student artist, Cindi Geeze.

The theme "Say What You Want" was chosen by the *Merrillvue* staff, which operates on budget of $25,000.

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